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JAPANESE BOAT ATTACKED.

INCIDENT CLOSE TO WHAMPOA.

RIVER PIRATES HOLD UP THE OFFICERS.

ARMED WITH PISTOLS.

The Japanese steamer Ryujin Maru was boarded and looted by river pirates, whilst aground at the mouth of the Whampoa River last night.

It is not yet known what damage was done to the vessel when she grounded, nor how much cargo was stolen by the bandits.

Enquiries have been made by the naval authorities, however, and it has been definitely ascertained that there were no casualties as a result of the affair.

Earliest information received in Hongkong regarding the affair came in the form of a wireless message picked up by the local naval authorities. The context of the message is not disclosed, but it is believed that it contained intelligence that the ship had been in the hands of the pirates for a very short time.

Boarded From Sampans.

Later messages confirmed the earlier report and informed the Commanders that the bandits came off in sampans when they saw the steamer's plight. Apparently the ship's officers did not think anything unusual was occurring, and it was not until armed members of the gang held them up at pistol point that they realised their predicament.

Very different was the behaviour of these bandits to that of the Hatching pirates a few weeks ago. None of the steamer's officers was molested in any way, beyond being confined to their cabins while the looting went on and, as far as can be gathered, no hostages were taken ashore from the steamer.

Net Much Lost.

Possibly realising that at any time a passing vessel might notice the steamer's plight and come to her assistance, the bandits took only money, valuables and a small portion of the cargo and decamped as soon as possible.

The last seen of them was when they left their sampans and disappeared ashore in the darkness.

The steamer left Keelung on Wednesday with a cargo of 600 tons of coal dust, and arrived in Hongkong on Saturday morning, leaving again for Whampoa the same evening. She had intended, after discharging at Whampoa, to proceed direct back to Keelung.

Boarded at Night.

It appears that the steamer went aground at 6 o'clock yesterday morning at the mouth of the river, but it was not until 10 p.m. that the river pirates went aboard.

The latest available intelligence received by the authorities indicates that the steamer is still aground, but the damage caused by the mishap is slight and she should not be difficult to refloat on the changing tide.

Japanese Crew.

A tramp steamer of 1,500 gross tonnage she was built in 1909. Formerly known as the Kaitau Maru, she is commanded by Captain Yamashiki, with Mr. Saka as Chief Officer.

She has a crew of 20, all Japanese. Her owners are the Murao Kisen Kaisha, of Kobe, and the local agents are Messrs. Hidaka and Company.

AFRICA'S LATEST AIR VICTIM.

CHICHESTER FORCED DOWN NEAR TRIPOLI.

London, Dec. 22.
The aviator Chichester, who set out from England on Friday in an attempt to beat Bert Hinkler's record for the England-Australia trip, made a forced descent in the salt marshes to the rear of Tripoli, according to a message from Rome.

The machine was damaged, but the aviator escaped unhurt.

HONGKONG SHARE SETTLEMENT.

ABSCONDING OF BROKERS FLATLY DENIED.

NO GREAT DIFFICULTY.

To-day's Settlement on the local Stock Exchange is expected to be put through satisfactorily by this afternoon, although it appears to be generally admitted that the situation is a little difficult. Definite information is lacking, but it is believed that two clients have been unable to meet their commitments and have thus put their brokers in a difficult position.

One broker is said to have a sum of \$50,000 owing to him which is not yet forthcoming, while a client of a second broker is said to owe \$15,000. These debts have naturally upset the calculations of the brokers concerned, who, of course, have other transactions to settle. It would appear, however, that arrangements are being made to, and that the entire Settlement will be adjusted.

To-day's Settlement is not an unusually heavy one and is being negotiated normally apart from the two commitments mentioned. The speculators who are said to be unable to meet their liabilities have dealt in both local and Shanghai shares and it is stated that Ewo's have been largely dealt in.

According to a local sharebroker, one of the vernacular papers reported this morning that two stockbrokers had absconded. This rumour is most emphatically denied on the local Exchange, where it is confidently felt that any outstanding difficulties will be met.

MOTOR THIEF'S ERROR.

STOLE POLICE OFFICER'S TYRE.

That he had made a tactical error, was the admission of a Chinese, who was charged before Mr. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning with the larceny of a motor car tyre and with having possession of certain implements.

During the hearing it was stated that the tyre was taken from Police Inspector Reynolds' car, which was standing outside the Police Recreation Club.

The defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for larceny and three months for illegal possession.

THE ROYAL FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS.

KING & QUEEN LEAVE FOR SANDRINGHAM.

London, Dec. 22.
The King and Queen, accompanied by their grand-daughter, Princess Elizabeth, yesterday left London for Sandringham, where the Christmas will be spent.

VISCOUNT BYNG.

DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITION.

London, Dec. 22.
Viscount Byng of Vimy passed a quiet day yesterday, and there was a distinct improvement in his condition last night.

[A previous message stated that Lord Byng's departure for South Africa was postponed owing to bronchial catarrh.]

CLEARER WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central over the Yangtze Valley. The Guam depression or typhoon is probably falling up. Strong to fresh monsoon along the S. E. coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon tomorrow is—North winds, fresh; cloudy at first, then clearing.

A BUSY MONTH FOR DIPLOMATS.

JANUARY LIKELY TO SET RECORD.

IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS.

NEW YEAR PROSPECTS.

London, Dec. 22.
The hitherto time-honoured practice of forming a New Year resolutions has perhaps, in the bustle of the modern world, been falling into desuetude, but diplomats throughout the world will, undoubtedly, during the Christmas festivities, be rumination over many such resolutions, preparatory to tackling big problems, the relics of various international agreements or disagreements.

The Second Hague Conference, dealing with reparations and the operation of the Young Plan and the International Bank to be established, is being held on January 3rd, and it will usher in the New Year, followed on January 20 by the meeting of Council of the League of Nations at Geneva, and, transcending all, the London Naval Conference on January 21st.

League Gatherings.

Eight other League of Nations Conferences of various kinds will also be held during January, while at Vienna, an international gathering composed of the Criminal Investigation Commission will meet.

All these gatherings will ensure that January, 1930 will create an historical record as a month of diplomacy.

It is assured, however, that the Second Hague Conference will not be contentious. The dramatic struggle of the first conference arising from Mr. Snowden's staunch defence of Britain's interests, will not be repeated.

No Dispute Likely.

The new Conference will deal merely with the reports of the various committees appointed in August last to clarify the technical points of the Young Reparations Plan before it is put into operation.

It is not anticipated that there will be any dispute regarding these reports, which seem to have the approval of both the creditor nations and Germany.

The meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, however, should be particularly noteworthy as an effort is being made on the suggestion of Great Britain to harmonise the Kellogg Pact for the renunciation of war with the League of Nations Covenant.

A Great Stride.

The British proposal is that amendments be made to certain Articles of the Covenant so as to fill in the gaps of the Covenant, which is helpless to prevent war if it fails to compose a dispute peacefully.

On the contrary, the Kellogg Pact outlaws war entirely on any pretext, except self-defence.

Most of the signatories to the Covenant have signed the Kellogg Pact and if the effort to harmonise the two succeeds, as logically it should, it will mean a great stride towards world pacifism, which the London Naval Conference should finally see installed as the sole motif of humanity.

London Readiness.

His Majesty the King is spending his Christmas at Sandringham, but he will return to London for the opening of the Naval Conference, which will assemble in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords and which will be addressed by His Majesty.

Preparations for the Conference are now practically complete, as are the arrangements for the Hague Conference which will be engaged with the technical points arising out of the young plan.

Mr. Henderson will attend the Geneva meeting of the League Council as the Chief British delegate. It is understood that there is a proposal that the date of the Conference might be advanced to January 13th.

An Old Problem.

New York, Dec. 22.
According to the Washington correspondent of the Herald-Tribune,

COLDEST SNAP FOR THREE YEARS.

TEMPERATURE OF 44.5 IN HONGKONG TO-DAY.

MARKED VARIATIONS.

For the past two days, Hongkong has been experiencing a cold snap, the effects of which have been all the more keenly felt from the fact that it follows an unusually warm spell.

The temperature recorded at the Royal Observatory this morning at 6 o'clock and again at 7 o'clock was 44.5, which is the lowest point reached in the Colony for three years.

The lowest temperature recorded during last year was 45, in January and again in February, whilst in February of the previous year 45.9 was recorded. We have to go back to December, 1926, for a lower record than that established this morning; then, it was 43.2.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 50.3, and the lowest, up to midnight, 45.5.

There has been a marked drop during the past three days. On Thursday, the maximum was 70.6, so that in three days there has been a drop in the maximum of nearly 26 degrees, and a variation, as between maximum and minimum, of over 28 degrees.

Of course, the present cold snap is not anywhere near a record, for, in 1893, 32 degrees (actual freezing-point) was recorded, whilst in 1896 the mercury fell to 40.7.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

Snow fell all day yesterday, and came to a stop about eight o'clock last night. There has been a sudden drop in temperature in Shanghai and vicinity to 37 F.

It is interesting to note that the temperature in Shanghai at 6 a.m. to-day was 21, or 11 below freezing point.

THE SINO-RUSSIAN SETTLEMENT.

MOSCOW REPORTS TERMS OF LATEST PROTOCOL.

FORECAST CONFIRMED.

London, Dec. 22.

The end of the Russo-Chinese conflict in Manchuria is indicated in a message from Reuters' correspondent at Moscow, announcing that official information has been given of the signature of a Protocol at Khabarovsk by Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng, representing the Mukden Government, and M. Simanovsky, representing the Soviet Government.

The Protocol restores the status-quo ante on the Chinese Eastern Railway, provides for the restoration of their respective Consulates in Manchuria and Russia and for the restoration of the Russian commercial organisations in Manchuria, and Soviet Far Eastern territory.

Meanwhile, the troops of both sides are to be withdrawn, prisoners are to be released unconditionally, while a Russo-Chinese Conference will meet at Moscow on January 21st, to discuss and arrange for the settlement of outstanding questions.

Later.

The Protocol also provides for the recognition and restoration of the rights of the employees of the Chinese Eastern Railway, who have left since July 10th.

The Chinese undertake to disarm and deport White Guard detachments from the Three Eastern Provinces.

the old Anglo-French difference of opinion over the counting of trained army reserves as part of the country's military strength in any land disarmament project will again be thrashed out at the London Naval Conference.

"American officials," says the correspondent, "believe that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will use the trained reserves as a bargaining point with France if the French Government persists in its present obstructive and reluctant mood."

Reuter's American Service.

FEARS FOR LOCAL STEAMER.

NO NEWS OF SMALL CHINESE BOAT.

MUCH OVERDUE ON FOUR HOURS' TRIP.

PIRACY POSSIBILITY.

There is still no news regarding the small Chinese steamer Lee Cheung, which, according to schedule, should have arrived in Hongkong on Saturday night from Sammel.

It was confirmed this morning by the agents, the Fook Hoi Co., of 67, Connaught Road Central, that the vessel left Sammel at 7 p.m. on Saturday. As she usually takes about four hours for the trip, she should have reached here at about 11 p.m. the same day.

Seen by a Telegraph representative, an official of the Fook Hoi Co. said they themselves had received no information as to the whereabouts of the Lee Cheung.

Police Search.

They did not know whether she had met with any mishap, gone aground or been pirated, but as the vessel did not put in an appearance last night, they reported the matter to the Water Police, who, he said, are now searching for the missing steamer.

The Fook Hoi Co. have also hired a launch to look for the steamer, the party leaving Hongkong at about 9 a.m. to-day for Sammel. They intend to comb the waters between Hongkong and that city to see if she has gone aground.

Some Possibilities.

The agents think, however, that something more serious than a mere grounding has befallen the steamer. The weather outside the harbour is always rough at this time of the year, and in rough seas anything might happen to a steamer of the size of the Lee Cheung.

On the other hand, she might have taken shelter near one of the islands, and there being no wireless on board, the skipper might have been unable to communicate with the agents in Hongkong.

One other suggestion is that the vessel might have been pirated after leaving Sammel, in which case it would be some time before the agents would know of her whereabouts.

Small Boat.

The Lee Cheung is a steamer of 163 net tonnage and is commanded by a Chinese named Loung So, who is said to have been many years on the run. The agents do not think there could be many passengers on board at the time because yesterday was the Tung Chi festival, on which day Chinese prefer to remain at home.

Exactly how much cargo she carries, the agents also do not know. As far as they can gather, there were about 20 head of cattle and over a 100 pigs, there being also some general cargo.

ITALIAN ART.

BIG LONDON EXHIBITION NEXT MONTH.

London, Dec. 22.

The transport of masterpieces which has been assembled at Burlington House, London, for next month's exhibition of Italian art, has been effected without a hitch.

Most of the works have come from Italy, but a considerable number are drawn from private and other galleries in England and Scotland and from America, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Hungary and France. They have all arrived without a scratch.

EGYPT'S GENERAL ELECTION.

OVERWHELMING WAFDIST VICTORY.

ONLY ONE BAD RIOT.

Cairo, Dec. 22.
Two men are reported to have been killed in an election riot at Deirut in Upper Egypt yesterday. Minor scuffles occurred elsewhere but as compared with former General Elections, polling day yesterday was extraordinarily quiet.

Although the results are not yet available, a Wafdist victory is not to be doubted. There are 232 seats in the Egyptian Parliament, and 102 Wafdist and 3 Independents have been returned unopposed, the Liberals deciding not to participate because the Wafdist refused to make the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty an issue in the Election.

It is notable that the Wafdist have won every General Election since 1924.

An overwhelming Wafdist majority is certain. Of the 150 election results declared, including those unopposed, the Wafdist have won 142 seats.

All the anti-Wafdist in Cairo, the capital, will have to forfeit deposits, with the exception of the 14th district former Finance Minister, Aly Pasha Maher.

Later.
The report and accounts were then passed, but witness could not remember if the minutes of the meeting were also passed.

DO SHOES COUNT AS CLOTHING?

MAGISTRATES ANALOGY FOR THE POLICE.

That, legally, a pair of rubber shoes did not come within the category of clothing was emphasised by Sergeant Barnicle before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a hawker was charged with selling shoes instead of clothes as specified in his licence.

The defendant produced a pair of rubber shoes and contended that they constituted clothing and were covered by his licence.

His Worship asked the prosecuting officer if shoes were not classed as clothes but Sergeant Barnicle replied that they were in a different class altogether.

His Worship: Do you think if I got my clothes insured against fire and my shoes were burned the Insurance company would not pay?

Sergeant Barnicle remarked that perhaps they would pay if the shoes were made of cloth.

His Worship pointed out to the defendant that by selling shoes he was committing a breach of his licence and registered a caution.

"PLUS FOURS" AS SUGAR BAGS.

KITCHEN COOLIES' THEFT AT PENINSULA HOTEL.

Mr. J. P. Bourne, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., prosecuted a kitchen cooler of the Peninsula Hotel before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a charge of larceny of 28 pounds of sugar was brought against the man.

According to the prosecution the defendant was seen leaving the premises yesterday afternoon, and when searched by the watchman the sugar was found tied around his waist and in the legs of his trousers which were converted into plus fours for the purpose.

His Worship passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET CO.

DEBENTURE INTEREST WILL BE PAID.

London, Dec. 22.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company have announced that interest on the four and a half and five per cent. debentures will be payable as usual on January 1, 1930.

The position as regards the normal half-yearly dividends remains the same. The directors announced recently that the interim dividends would not be paid as usual owing to the need for a reserve of cash.

THE BREWER CASE RESUMED.

CROSS EXAMINATION OF SECRETARY.

BALANCE SHEET CHANGES ANNOY DEFENDANT.

The case against Mr. N. J. Brewer, barrister-at-law, who is charged with offences under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances in the matter of the preparation and filing of a balance sheet of the Instone Banking Corporation, was resumed before Mr. Grantham at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. P. L. Leo, the Secretary of the Corporation, testifying to the proceedings connected with the general meeting of shareholders on July 21, 1928, said he was present at the meeting, and subsequently signed the minutes of the meeting.

Prior to this meeting, he received between 200 and 300 copies of the printed balance sheet and sent them, as was his duty, to every shareholder in Hongkong.

Referred by Mr. Somers to Fitzroy to the rules in the Articles of Association of the Corporation, witness agreed that, as a matter of regulation, the printed balance sheet should be circulated not later than seven days before the general meeting, and he added that he sent these copies immediately after they were received from the printers.

No "High Hopes."

At the general meeting of shareholders on July 21, the typewritten balance sheet was laid on the table, and the Chairman (Mr. Brewer) informed shareholders of the alterations which had been made on that document, and asked them not to entertain "high hopes."

The report and accounts were then passed, but witness could not remember if the minutes of the meeting were also passed.

Mr. Fitzroy, at this point, read the minutes which, in part, were to the effect that "The Chairman counselled the shareholders against undue optimism. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared."

Proceeding to refer to the Directors' meeting, held on August 22 of the same year, the minutes of which were signed by Mr. Brewer, Mr. Fitzroy revealed that a resolution was passed under which a further call to the extent of \$35 was made payable on September 10.

Mortgage Question.

On September 15, another Directors' meeting was held at which it was proposed and seconded that "It has been proved to the satisfaction of the meeting that the business of the Company is in a sound financial position, that the temporary embarrassments were due to no fault of the management but on account of unforeseen circumstances." The President then desired to enter into a second mortgage on the Des Voeux Road property. The meeting was adjourned until 9.30 a.m. on October 21 for further consideration.

Mr. Fitzroy: "You remember this second mortgage, Mr. Leo?"
Yes, I filed the memorial.

Would it be correct to say that this second mortgage was entered on October 1, 1928, for \$20,000 and the terms were 2 per cent. per month?—Yes.

Branches Closed.

Examined by Mr. E. Davidson, on behalf of the defence, witness said that at one time, in the beginning, the Instone Banking Corporation had branches both in Canton and Shekhi, but these subsequently had to close down, because registration of the branches was not in order, on the orders of the Canton Government. The Canton branch closed down before the one at Shekhi, all this taking place after the balance sheet was presented to the shareholders meeting on July 21, 1928.

Mr. Davidson: "Was there not, therefore, a totally different situation in August than on the date of the balance sheet?"—Yes.

In reply to further questions, witness said that Mr. Li Tung did all his banking in his (witness's) room, occupying an unused back and an adjacent room. The books were there, and he was the only person in the room at the time.



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WANCHAI FIRE.

BLAZE INVOLVES THREE HOUSES.

A devastating fire, which swept through three houses and completely destroyed eleven stores, was witnessed at Wanchai yesterday evening, the conflagration lighting up the district for miles around, and keeping motor pumps working at top speed for over an hour to prevent the flames spreading to a whole block of five buildings.

It was only the excellent work of the Fire Brigade, assisted in no small measure by Scouts and members of the public, that prevented the outbreak from assuming even greater proportions.

The three houses, directly involved were 248, 250 and 252 Queen's Road East, and of these only one storey, the ground floor of 248, escaped damage by the flames, although it was of necessity affected by the continuous play of water from the hoses.

The actual cause of the outbreak is at present a mystery, but it apparently revealed itself in the ground floor of No. 250, which was next door to a joss paper shop. This was about five minutes past six, and although calls were immediately put through to the Wanchai and Central Fire Stations, which turned out three appliances in a very few minutes, by the time they arrived they found the flames had gained absolute mastery of the whole of the middle building, and were making rapid progress towards the two adjoining premises.

The flames shot upwards through four floors of No. 250, and then caught hold of the communicating staircases to the buildings on either side.

By this time, Superintendent Brooks had arrived with two more appliances from Central, and as immediately saw that it was impossible to do anything to save the blazing dwellings, and so concentrated on keeping the fire from the two other buildings on either side. He did this successfully by working four motor pumps to their capacity from the front of the buildings, in Queen's Road, and from the rear.

Blaze Confined.

The great danger lay in the communicating staircases, and the Brigade had to work hard to force the flames away from these, as they were only of wood, and once alight, would probably have involved the entire block of five houses.

In their work, the brigade received great assistance from members of the Hongkong Boy Scouts, Ambulance Brigade men, as well as Sanitary Department coolies, and European, Chinese and Indian members of the public. They manfully set to work to help manipulate the hoses, and "speaking to a Morning Post reporter late last night, Superintendent Brooks said he would like to express his thanks through the paper to the scouts, who were present under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Waldegrave, the St. John Ambulance, Sanitary Department coolies and all of the civilians who rendered such timely assistance. They did much to lighten the work of the Brigade, and he was grateful for all they had done.

So tenaciously did the fire-fighters concentrate on the blaze, that by 7.16 p.m. the stop signal was given, and all that was left to show how fierce the conflagration had been was the blackened walls and running water.

The mystery of the outbreak is accentuated by the fact that nobody was seen to leave any of the buildings, and not a person was discovered on any of the premises by the firemen. At one time it was thought that somebody had been heard moving about the top floor of No. 254, which remained untouched by the fire, but although two firemen scaled an escape they could find nobody.

The buildings were comparatively new, and fortunately the roof was made of concrete which took

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

TWO CEREMONIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

St. Joseph's Church was the scene of an interesting wedding on Saturday, when Miss Florence Banks, B.A., of Raffles Girls' School, Singapore, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Banks of Holme Slack Farm, Preston, Lancs., England, was married to Mr. Edward John Hankin, Master Mariner, second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hankin of Bourne-mouth, England.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Father Bignati, and the bride, who was given away by Mr. D. Bishop, M.A., of Raffles Boys' School, Singapore, was attired in a charming dress of beige georgette, and carried a bouquet of red carnations.

The duties of best man were ably carried out by Mr. S. Steele, and subsequent to the service a reception was held in the Helena May Institute, where a large number of friends gathered to wish the happy pair health and happiness, and to give them a hearty send off for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Cheung Chau Island. The bride left in a dress of blue crepe-de-chine.

Bougon-Hahnemann.

The wedding took place quietly at St. Joseph's Church on Saturday between Miss Marinette Hahnemann, daughter of Mr. Paul and the late Mrs. Hahnemann of Lausanne, Switzerland, and Mr. Eloi Bougon of Hongkong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bougon of France.

The Rev. Father's Bouteau and Bignati officiated, the bride being given away by Mr. G. Guvillier. The duties of best man were performed by Mr. C. Arnulphy.

Following a reception at 12, The Peak, Mr. and Mrs. Bougon left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Baguio.

TARIFF REDUCTION.

CHANCELLOR OF EXCHEQUER RECEIVES DEPUTATION.

London, Dec. 21.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the President of the Board of Trade received a deputation from the Free Trade Union yesterday. The deputation urged the importance of a reduction of tariffs with a view to facilitating international trade. Both Ministers expressed their sympathy and agreement with the views and arguments placed before them.—British Wireless.

away any danger of it falling in, and as practically all of the walls were similarly constructed, it prevented the block from collapsing.

The ground floor of No. 254, which is a hardware shop, was saved from ignition, and did not suffer anything like the other premises, although the front part was rather severely drenched.

A little after nine o'clock, the Brigade left the scene, the fire having been completely quelled, and all that could be seen was three gutted buildings.

No estimate as to the amount of damage can yet be made, but it is certain to be fairly considerable.

The ground floor of No. 250 was occupied by a cracker shop by the name of Tung Fat, and No. 252 by one selling joss-paper called Kwong Fat Loong. With the highly inflammable material that was in these two shops it can be imagined how quickly the flames spread. According to one eye-witness all the three buildings were alight within a quarter of an hour.

There was an unconfirmed rumour afterwards that four children were missing.

Another Call.

A small fire which occurred in the kitchen of a Chinese house in Wellington Street brought the Brigade out at two o'clock this morning, but the outbreak was subdued in a few minutes, no damage being done.

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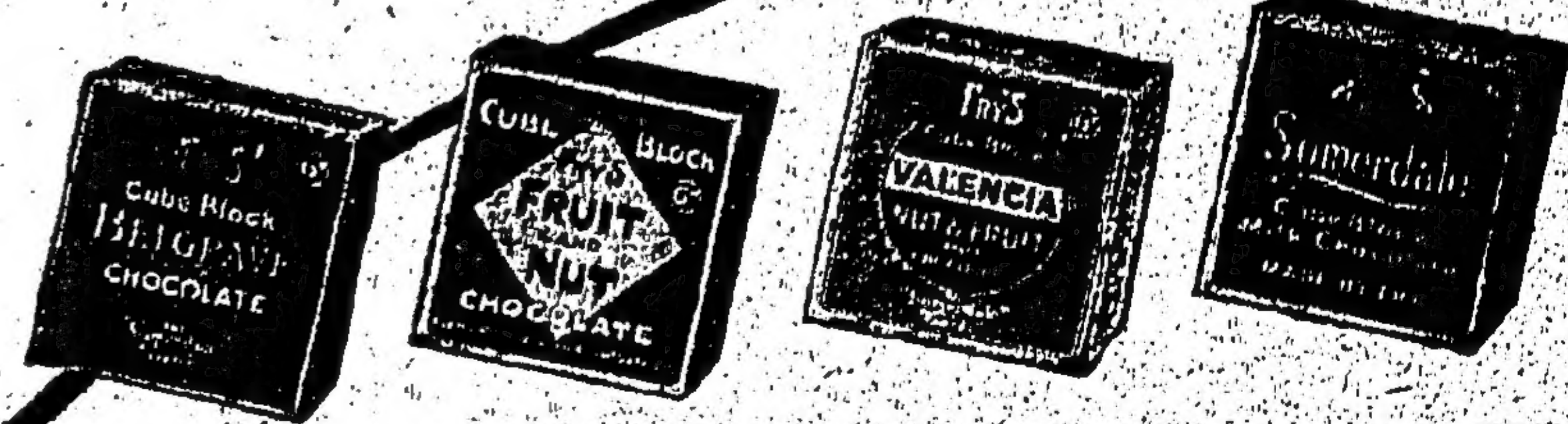
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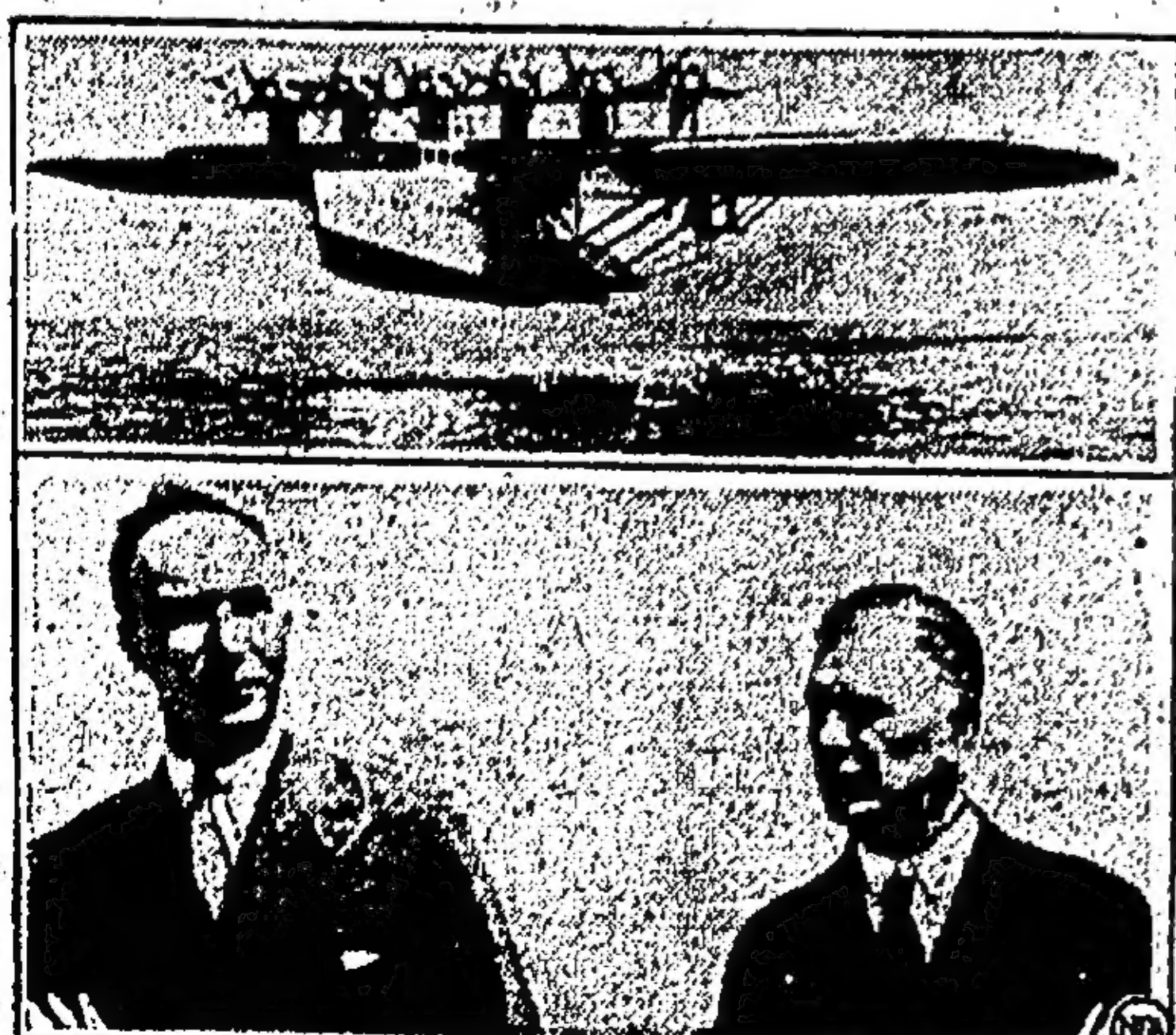
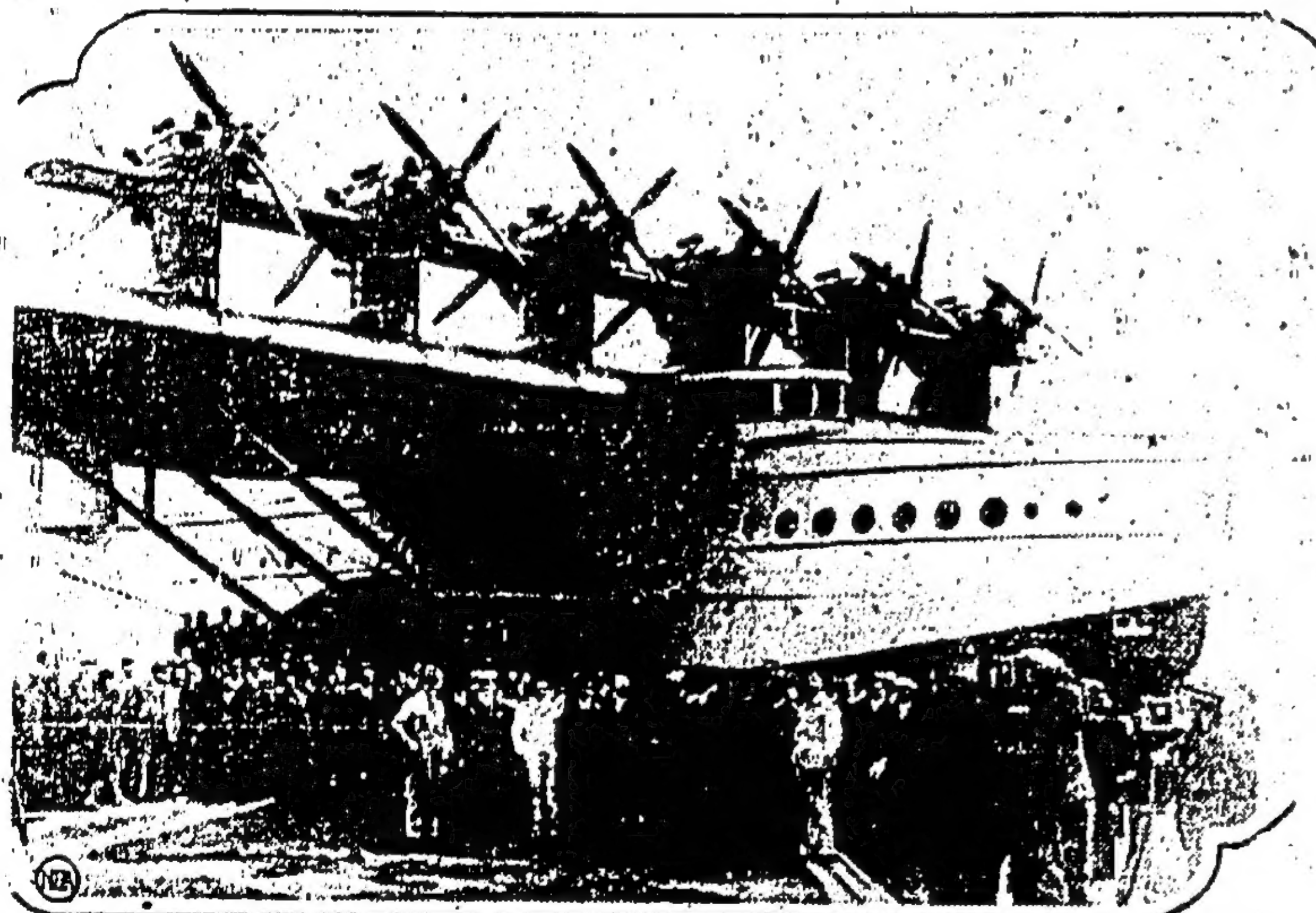


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6TH JANUARY, 1930.

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On TUESDAY, the 24th December, all Departments will be open until 7 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 31st December, 1929, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 30th June, 1929, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held immediately after such Ordinary Yearly Meeting and at the same place, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a Further Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the same place on WEDNESDAY, 15th January, 1930, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed New Articles of Association of the Company can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

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The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays. Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For Date and Time.
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Letters ... 5 p.m.
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Shanghai and Europe via Siberia. President Cleveland ... Mon., Dec. 23.
Registration ... 5 p.m.
Letters ... 5 p.m.

Prominent ... Tues., Dec. 24, 3.30 p.m.
Everett ... Mon., Dec. 23, 4.30 p.m.
Kong Ning ... Mon., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Nampeng ... Mon., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Sunnang ... Mon., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Song Bo ... Mon., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.

Manila Maru ... Mon., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Manila ... Tues., Dec. 24, 9.30 a.m.
Pennsylvania ... Tues., Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Seattle Maru ... Tues., Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.

Patroclus ... Tues., Dec. 24.
K. P. O.

Registration ... 1 p.m.
Letter ... 1 p.m.
G. P. O.

Registration ... 1.45 p.m.
Letters ... 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 22nd January).

Clara Jensen ... Tues., Dec. 24, 4.30 p.m.
Cheong Shing ... Tues., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
New Mathilde ... Tues., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Helikon ... Tues., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Prominent ... Mon., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

Tango Maru ... Tues., Dec. 24.
Registration ... 5 p.m.
Letters ... 5 p.m.
(Due Thursday Island 6th Jan.)

"Ai Shing" ... Tues., Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Aiyang ... Wed., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Yingchow ... Wed., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.
Menado Maru

Thurs., Dec. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Kalgan ... Thurs., Dec. 26, 9 a.m.
Bremerhaven ... Thurs., Dec. 26, 9 a.m.
Tilawa ... Fri., Dec. 27.

Parcels ... Noon
Letters ... 1 p.m.
Mirzapore ... Fri., Dec. 27.
Registration ... 5 p.m.
Letters ... 6 p.m.

"Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles Suva Maru ... Sat., Dec. 28.
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Registration Dec. 27, 4.30 p.m.
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Letters ... 9.30 a.m.
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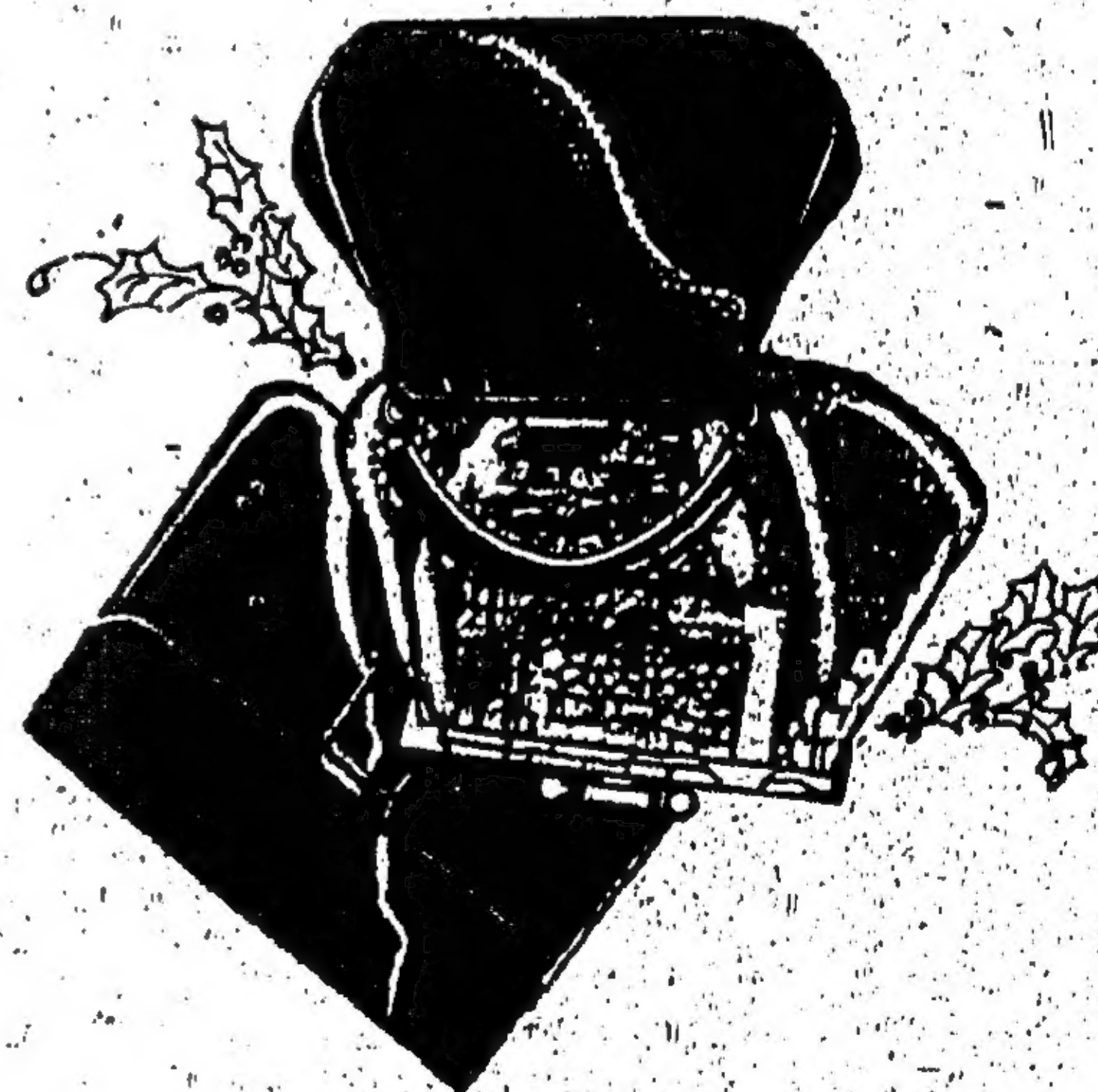
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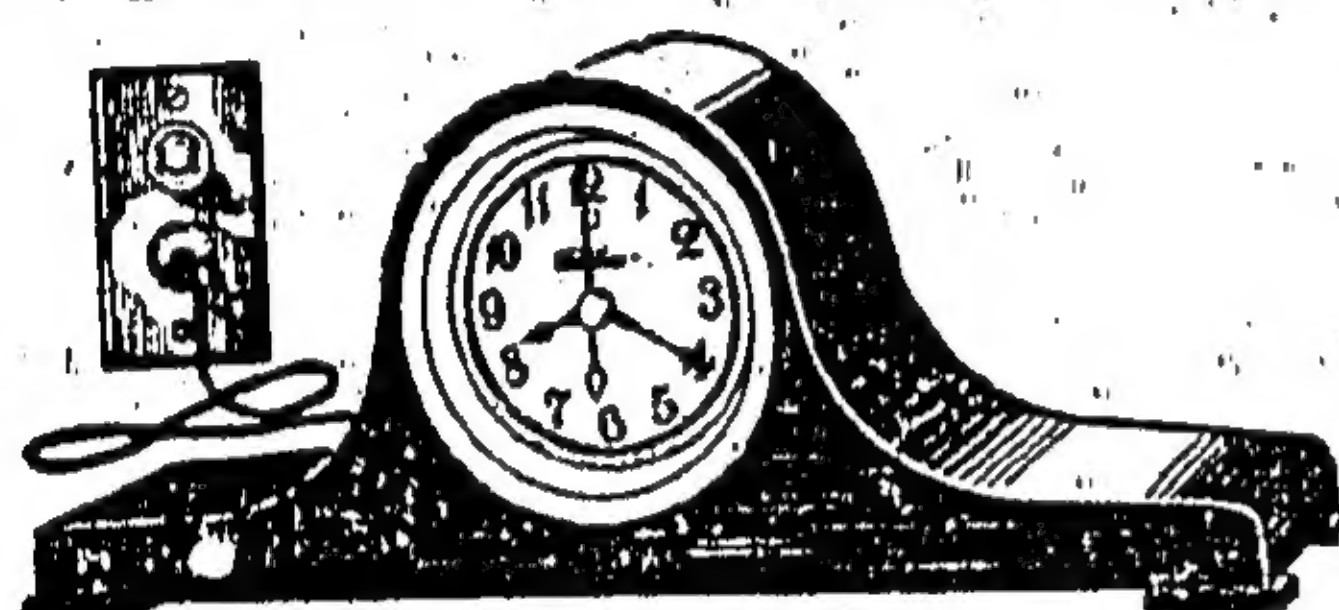
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SCOUTS' SUCCESS.

**COMING OF AGE CONCERT
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The Hongkong Boy Scouts Association can point to many achievements during their history of 21 years, but they recorded one of their biggest successes on Saturday night at the Theatre Royal, when they celebrated their coming-of-age with a concert and display.

They delighted a large audience with a varied and pleasing programme, which also went to show what a large amount of youthful talent exists in the Colony.

The programme opened with an enjoyable musical selection by the band of H.M.S. Cornwall, and then the 1st H. K. Sea Scouts took the footlights and put the audience in excellent humour with some particularly well sung Shanties. The Rev. N. V. Halward scored an individual success as the Shantyman. The "Hallid Shanties," "Blow the man down" and "Boney was a warrior" were the first two numbers and were succeeded by Captain Shanties, including "Shenandoah" and "Bound for the Rio Grande." Then entered four scouts to give a really creditable exhibition of the Hornpipe, and the troop sang a concerted number "Shiver my Timbers," which was made all the more realistic by some clever lighting effects.

The Wolf Cubs.

After this, the Wolf Cubs took the boards, and opened their display with the Grand Howl, which was done in such a business-like manner that the audience was almost startled. The next scene was greeted with a very enthusiastic round of applause. "Jimmy," the little news-vendor, walked on to the stage, closely followed by two suspicious looking characters. "How much money have you got?" asked one, and with that Jimmy was set upon and rather badly handled by his assailants. "Speedy help, however, was at hand, for in bounded four Wolf Cubs, quickly sized up the situation and literally flew at Jimmy's aggressors. Two succeeded in overmastering them, and the other two set to work to render first aid to Jimmy, whose head had suffered rather badly in the conflict. With surprising ease and dexterity, they bound up the wound, and then between them carried him away from the scene of the assault. In the meantime, the other Cubs had fairly subdued the young assailants, and after bringing them sharply to task for their behaviour asked, "Why don't you join the Wolf Cubs?" "Excellent idea," was the reply, an expression which was heartily endorsed by the whole audience, and away were taken the young converts, to learn the first principles of brotherhood which form the basis of the Wolf Cub and Scout movements. This little scene was very cleverly portrayed, and was easily one of the best pieces of entertainment throughout the evening.

Jungle dances (very weird and wonderful affairs) were succeeded by the making of the Union Jack, and then the audience were treated to one of the best laughs of the evening, when the Peak Pack staged a boxing contest. Correctly introduced by the M.C., (he was the time-keeper, referee and judge, rolled into one), young Bruiser Sheldon and Pete Morris, complete with business-like gloves, faced each other in the ring to battle for the Mosquito weight title. Both scored prettily in the first two rounds, but in the third, they hit each other simultaneously, and both took the count, after a rousing contest, which kept the audience in roars of laughter.

Japanese Fencing.

Rather more serious, but none the less entertaining was the display of Japanese Fencing given by members of the Hongkong Japanese Boy Scouts Association. Incidentally, it was not a half-hearted affair, but the lads went for each other with bamboo rods as though it was a fight to the death, and each contestant took some blows on their head and body armour. It was an interesting display and especially well staged.

The 2nd Kowloon Company of Girl Guides was responsible for presenting a pretty and realistic camp fire scene, their effort being well received. Then followed a Boy Scout variety display, which opened with the Mori War Cry of welcome by the "Toving Fifth" troop, some clever folk dancing by the St. Andrew's troop, Indian Club swinging by A.S.M. C. Dragon, St. Joseph's College troop and a Chinese action song by the Wah Yan College troop.

One of the biggest "hits" of the evening, however, was the appearance of a "nigger" boy, impersonating the famous Al Jolson, as he appeared in the "Singing Fool," and he gave a truly remarkable imitation of the actor singing his popular number "Sonny Boy." The young scout succeeded in putting just that right inflection into his voice and he scored a great success.

"Robin Hood"

Nigger Minstrels followed and helped to maintain the high standard.
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CHRISTMAS WEATHER.

**SNOW FALLS IN MANY
PARTS OF BRITAIN.**

London, Dec. 22.

Christmas weather prospects for the South of England are at present obscure. The conditions apparently depend on the movements of the storm centre near Iceland. The weather is, however, likely to become colder according to the Air Ministry forecast for the next twelve hours.

Up North more severe conditions are already being experienced. Six hours' snowfall occurred in the Lothians and Berwickshire. In the Firth of Forth shipping was suspended for some hours. A blizzard raged along the heights of Yorkshire, Westmoreland and the Pennines. Hail and sleet have fallen in Ireland. Down South snow fell at Croydon. A heavy gale in the Channel upset many of the 2,000 passengers who crossed to France for the holidays. —*Reuter.*

American Experience.

New York, Dec. 22.

The cold wave has extended from the Middle West, where the heaviest snowfall in the past decade has fallen, to here.

Even Cuba is shivering, and the sun-loving inhabitants are wearing overcoats and heavy clothing. —*Reuter's American Service.*

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SCOUTS' SUCCESS.

(Continued from Page 5.)

ard of excellence by entertaining the audience to several of the latest American hits, and after the interval, the band of H.M.S. Cornwall gave a further selection, prior to the stage being set for the presentation of the costume play "Robin Hood."

This story of the famous character of Old England is written by R.A. Davenport, and the scouts gave it admirable treatment. There was not a weak spot in the long list of characters, and particularly creditable were the performances of "Robin Hood" (E. Zimmermann), Will Scarlett (W.C. Low), King Richard (N. V. Halward) and the three trusted members of Robin Hood's band of followers, Long Tom (Edward Hunt), Little John (J. E. Richardson) and Friar Tuck (D. Black).

The audience showed their delight and appreciation of such a clever performance in no uncertain manner, and the scouts had to take repeated curtain calls.

The proceeds of the entertainment are to be devoted to the Saiwan Bay Camp Fund, and it is to be hoped that the cause will benefit to some considerable extent.

The complete cast of Robin Hood was as follows:—Robin Hood, leader of a band of outlaws, E. Zimmermann; Will Scarlett, his lieutenant, W. C. Low; Long Tom, Little John, Friar Tuck, Members of the Band, Edward Hunt, J. E. Richardson, D. Black; Allen-a-Dale, a young Saxon, dispossessed by the Normans, C. G. H. Christian; King Richard (In Act 1 disguised—The Stranger), N. V. Halward; Sir Hugh de Bracey, Sheriff of Nottingham, W. A. Mooney; The Abbott of Newark, W. H. Smith; Martin, a treacherous member of the band of outlaws, W. J. Manuel; Edward Godwin, two young outlaws, C. Dragon, E. A. Harneik; An Old Man, A. Elms; An Old Woman, Chan Fook Hung; The Priest of St. Giles, Wong Wing Cheong; Two Judges, Tam Tuk Leung, Lee Hau Kwoag; Midland Champion, Francis Zimmermann. Outlaws and Guards:—Ip Chee Chuen, Yeung Tsun Chung, A. Zimmermann, P. Brown, Lam Yeung Hee, Chan Fook Hong, Tam Kam Pul, Li Kam Lim, J. Youngsaye, Yeung Tsung Luk, A. Hunt, H. Hunt, Ng Tai Tak, Yu Wing Lun, Tsang Fook, D. Hunt.

GERMAN MINISTER RESIGNS.

SEQUEL TO CRITICISM OF FINANCIAL POLICY.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Herr Hilferding, the Finance Minister, and Professor Popitz, Financial Under Secretary, have resigned. Their resignation is the sequel to criticisms of their financial policy by Herr Schacht, President of the Reichbank.

Hilferding's resignation is inopportune at the present time in view of the forthcoming Hague conference, at which Germany's Finance Minister must be present. It is reported in political circles that Professor Moldenhauer of the Ministry of Economics will temporarily take over the Finance Ministry.—Reuter.

Later, Professor Moldenhauer, the Minister of Economics, has been appointed Minister of Finance ad interim.—Reuter.

Special Sinking Fund. Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Reichstag met shortly after midnight and adopted by 255 votes to 131 an urgent Government Bill creating a special Sinking Fund for the redemption of Germany's floating debt. The Bill is a sequel to pressure upon the Government by Herr Schacht.—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Chamber has adopted a Bill providing that the financial year henceforth shall begin on April 1 (which is the same as Britain) instead of January 1.—Reuter.



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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENINSULA HOTEL

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staffs, two platoons of Chasseurs, a company of French African Air Service and a Zouave band. The bodies are being conveyed to England.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Twenty were injured in an explosion of a blast furnace at a nitrogen factory at Velsen.—Reuter.



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INTERPORT TRIAL TEAM BEATEN.

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LEAGUE STRUGGLES.

[By "Wanderer."]

An early goal to the Interport trial team, an opportunity neatly snapped up by McKelvie, failed to inspire the side to any great heights and finally they were defeated by three goals to one. The result, however, proves little beyond the need for understanding and cohesion. The difference between the teams was mainly a question of teamwork. The Navy fielded a splendidly balanced eleven which worked harmoniously from the start. They delighted the crowd with some superb combination in which the half-backs and forwards shared. Every man was in his place and they seemed to do the right thing at the right time with uncanny precision.

The trial team, on the other hand, failed to get together. The half-backs had an extremely busy time endeavouring to hold the hippy Navy front line, with the result that constructive play was at a discount. As often as not, they passed the ball erratically even when there was

no occasion for hurry. The forwards tried hard to keep the ball moving forward, but the combination broke down owing to the failure of Ward. Many promising movements failed in their inception through his inability to pick up the ball quickly in his own half. Gosano, too, the chief sufferer, was unable to turn out.

The Navy's Goals.

Cann, who darted between the backs and scored the equalising goal, would probably not have scored if Wynne and Reeves had been covering one another instead of standing square. Gould scored the second with a fine shot, and Firth got the third with a terrific drive after some fooling about by the Interport defenders. Roger had some chance with all the goals, each one he tried to save with his foot. The first passed between his legs, the second just clear and the third he actually touched.

Apart from this, the match calls for little comment. I saw no reason for a change of the views expressed in these columns on Friday. Wynne was not quite his usual self. Reeves gave an improved display, though his big kicking is often more spectacular than useful. He supported Bliss to a far greater extent than has been his wont, however, and this was the most encouraging feature of his display. Hedley did well. West gave little away and his wandering usually had purpose in it. Bliss is still a puzzle. He does so many good things and works

so hard that it is difficult to see how he can be left out. His display warranted perseverance with him for the present.

McKelvie and Butcher were the best of the forwards. They alone showed signs of shooting ability. McKelvie deserved another goal in the closing stages, but Jarvis rescued the ball from behind him, suspiciously near over the line. The best shot of the match came from Hedley; a terrific drive from 25 yards which beat Jarvis all the way but struck the crossbar.

IN THE LEAGUE.

Chinese Athletic Best Artillery. The Chinese Athletic jump to second place in the Senior League as the result of a good win over the Royal Artillery. The margin was narrow, two goals to one, but the winners had much the better of the game and should have added to their total. As a matter of fact, the ball was put into the net on two other occasions and the goals disallowed for infringement by Ng Kam-chuen, who has a dangerous habit of jumping at the goalkeeper when he plays on the right wing. The Athletic were not at full strength, Suen Kam-shun being a notable absentee, but the result was never really in doubt. The Gunners found their height and weight an advantage in many situations, and a nuisance in others. The speedy and nippy Athletic forwards were a very dangerous lot when they kept the ball on the ground.

Tao Kwai-sing, who filled the inside right berth, scored both the Athletic's goals, while Gill reduced the lead from a scrimmage towards the end. Fletcher, Oliver and Joyce were conspicuous for the Gunners, while Ward, Cotton and Walker also showed up well.

For the Athletic, Lam Yuk-ying, Wong Shui-wa and Tao Kwai-sing were the outstanding players. The league results are appended:

Senior League.	
Athletic	2 R. A.
Chinese "B"	0 K. O. S. B.
Club Res.	0 R. A. Res.
Ewo	1 Recreation
Kowloon	1 Eastern
Navy Res.	7 University
St. Joseph's	0 S. China "A"

For misconduct in the match between Somersets and South China "B" (Junior Division fixture) on November 30, Verrier of the Somersets has been suspended for such time as the Emergency Committee of the Association call upon him to come up, he failing to put in an appearance at the meeting.

Chung Chin Ying, reported for dangerous play, whilst playing for Ewo against St. Joseph's in a Junior Division game on November 2, has been cautioned.

The Hongkong Football Association have suspended T. Leonard of St.

LAWN TENNIS.

MIXED DOUBLES MATCH
DRAWN.

A very enjoyable return mixed doubles tennis match took place at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, yesterday between a Bowling Green Club team and one from the Kowloon Football Club, which resulted in a draw. The scores were as follows:

Mrs. Cuthill and Mr. J. Rodgers beat Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Millard 5-4, Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. Hedley 6-3, Mrs. Chubb and Mr. Caruthers 9-0, Mrs. Boas and Mr. Guest 5-4. Mrs. McCaw and Mr. G. Rodgers lost to Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Millard 1-3, Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. Hedley 4-5, beat Mrs. Chubb and Mr. Caruthers 2-0, lost to Mrs. Boas and Mr. Guest 3-6.

Mrs. Purnslove and Mr. Stewart lost to Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Millard 3-6, Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. Hedley 3-6, beat Mrs. Chubb and Mr. Caruthers 5-4, lost to Mrs. Boas and Mr. Guest 4-5.

Mrs. Nish and Mr. Hale lost to Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Millard 2-7, Mrs. Atkinson and Mr. Hedley 4-5, beat Mrs. Chubb and Mr. Caruthers 5-4, lost to Mrs. Boas and Mr. Guest 4-5.

Score:—72 games all.

FANLING GOLF.

THE WEEK-END BOGEY POOL.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling during the week-end, for which there were 29 entries, was won by Lieut. A. H. Alexander, who finished all square.

H. U. Ireland was 2 down, and J. L. Shellshear 4 down.

Joseph's Football Club for two months for ungentlemanly conduct toward the referee during the South China v St. Joseph's Senior Division game on November 16.

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- 21701 Went you Tell.
- 21701 It Goes Like This.
- 21983 Doing the Macoon.
- 21983 Hugable Kisses to You.
- 21983 Every Moon's a Honeymoon.
- 21869 Honey.
- 21869 Sweet Surrender.
- 22046 Daddy Won't You Please.
- 22046 I'm the Medic of Man.
- 22055 I'd Be Wonderful.
- 22055 I Lift Up My Finger.
- 22055 Laughing Marionette.
- 21822 Under the Stars.
- 21822 Blue Waltz.
- 21921 Mean To Me.
- 21921 That's What I Call Heaven.
- 21983 Under the Russian Moon.
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PATERSON.—At Victoria Hospital, on December 21st, 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Paterson, a son stillborn.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY DEC. 23, 1929.

THE REORGANISATION- TIONISTS.

Chinese politics are such a matter of underground intrigue that to discuss them in ordinary political parlance seems of little use. In the use of the terms of a modern democracy but the superficial reflection on the screen of China's political life of bargains made between ambitious officials and rapacious soldiers through obscure intermediaries, or does the language represent some real movement of political thought and accompanying action? These questions are raised by the formation of the Reorganisationist Party. In spite of intrigue it must be acknowledged that ideas have so far played a large part in the success of the Kuomintang. Chiang Kai-shek's historic advance to the Yangtze two years ago, and the unification of the nation last year were triumphs of propaganda preceding an army, more active indeed than anything opposed to it, but of no great calibre when compared with any modern force outside of China. Whether the ideas which captured the people of the country were held with genuine conviction by Chiang Kai-shek himself, or any large number even of the Kuomintang, it may be difficult to determine: whether they were exploited for the aggrandisement of a Party or for the welfare of the country also cannot yet be fathomed, for the Party holds that its own success is equivalent to the welfare of the nation.

The fact remains that it was the propagation of ideas formulated by Dr. Sun Yat-sen and popularised by an army of trained speakers and writers which won the consent of the nation. It would seem therefore as if we cannot afford to neglect the interplay of ideas and the course of political controversy, however we may be convinced that these are being used by politicians for selfish ends. The men who seek power by the exploitation of ideas are apt eventually to be jockeyed by the ideas they cannot control, while the ideas continue free and at large, sometimes to the common danger, sometimes to the common weal.

An examination of such Reorganisationist propaganda as has come our way shows little difference between the new party and that which holds the reins in Nanking. Both parties found themselves on the Three Principles, both stand for a similar foreign policy. Much of the arraignment of the Government by the new group is purely practical. If there were any practical criticism would do better. In power. Such points as the failure of the administration to produce a budget, or to publish its accounts, its failure to control the military, and its compromise with Japan over the Tsinan incident come under this head. On the other hand the network of intrigue by which it is seeking to attain its ends, the underground work which we must understand to have taken place before the mysterious situation between Feng Yu-shiang, Yen Hsi-shan and the Government developed, add the corresponding intrigues which set Chang Kai-shek on the move, all make it difficult to put confidence in its care for the country's welfare. It is clear enough to an outsider that what China needed was a clear field for any Government in power, and the toleration by that government of fair criticism such as was offered by Dr. Hu Shih, instead of that, the whole country has been thrown into confusion: the admittedly extremely capable work of its Foreign Minister has been held up, and a foreign enemy has been allowed to invade its territory, merely that a party, with political tenets only with difficulty distinguished from those of this government of the day, may gain power. This policy is in precisely a line with that of the Reorganisationist leader, Wang Ching-wei, when he drew Li Chai-shum off to Nanking and left Chang Kai-shek behind him to rise against his chief in Canton. It shows a capacity for subtle intrigue and a cynical indifference to the immediate welfare of the people.

If one could take the Reorganisationist programme at its face value three points might be singled out, as of value to the country. One is the proposal to separate the civil from the military administration. Not until that can be done will the government be safe and the country freed from civil war. The report that Wang Ching-wei offers the post of commander-in-chief to Chiang Kai-shek if the post of civil head is reserved for himself is perhaps more amusing than a safe indication of policy. But some such division is eventually essential. In present-day China, however, what power would the civil head have against a strong commander-in-chief? There is not yet hope of this division as being practical politics. The insistence on the drawing up of a budget and the publication of accounts is obviously of the first importance: and when further, the reorganisationists join with Dr. Hu Shih in condemning the failure of the government to keep their own laws, or to enforce justice in the courts, they emphasise the real weakness of the present regime.

In addition to these criticisms the Reorganisationists further disagree with the Government's interpretation of Dr. Sun's conception of the period of tutelage, and insist that during that period the people should be trained by the actual possession of rights, not by autocratic rule from above. But which of these aims would be reached if the Reorganisationists themselves held power? Doubt of their capacity or their desire to carry them into practice must delay the acceptance of their programme; while their ready resort to civil war must seriously discredit them.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

M.V. Hilda sailed from Singapore on the 21st December and is expected here on the 27th inst.

M.V. Bemo sailed from Penang on the 23rd December and is due here on the 2nd January.

S.S. Calulu sailed from Sydney on the 10th December and is expected here on the 10th January.

DAY BY DAY.

LEARNING MAKETH YOUNG MEN TEMPERATE, IS THE COMFORT OF OLD AGE, STANDING FOR WEALTH WITH POVERTY, AND SERVING AS AN ORNAMENT TO RICHES.—Cicero.

The P. & O. s.s. Kashgar, from Calcutta, arrived at Marseilles December 23 and 24.

The Exchange Banks will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 and 26.

The Empress of Canada, which left Yokohama yesterday at 4 p.m., is due here on Sunday morning next and will sail again the same day at 5 p.m.

Passengers leaving on the s.s. Malwa on Saturday included Mr. F. C. Jonkin, Surg.-Major J. D. Sayer, and Rev. Canon B. H. Streetor.

Admission tickets for the Schools to the New Territories Agricultural Show can now be obtained on application by the Principal or Headmaster to Mr. J. D. Bush, Hon. English Secretary, P.O. Box 71.

On enquiry this morning, we learn that Mr. R. H. Charles, who had a bad spell at the Kwantung course yesterday, is making good progress, although confined for the present to his bed. His many friends will be glad to see him about again soon.

The Hongkong Benevolent Society desires to thank an anonymous donor for the exceedingly kind gift of blankets, which are much appreciated during this cold weather. The bridge drive recently held at the Helena May Institute realised more than \$400.

Two Chinese, who were arrested at Tsun Wan Wal Village were sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendants were stated to have been deported for five years in 1925 under the Opium Ordinance.

There was an unusually large number of cases of cruelty to animals mentioned before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Seven Chinese were each fined \$5 for carrying a chicken or a duck by its wings or legs, while two others were each fined \$5 for cruelty to four chickens. In one case it being stated that one of the fowls was dead when the defendant was arrested. Each of three boat owners were fined \$10 for failing to provide matting in the crates of about 40 pigs.

A special exhibition is now being held by Messrs. C.E. Warren & Co., Ltd., of marble and bronze statues, from the studios of Raoul Bigazzi, Florence, Italy, each work being signed by the artist concerned. The collection consists of exquisite examples of the very best in Italian sculpture, there being a wide variety of subjects, some of which are employed in creating delightful lighting effects. Lack of space prevents us from giving detailed descriptions, but we strongly recommended lovers of this particular art to make an early inspection.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C. M. G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Parades and Classes.

All parades and instructional classes are suspended until after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Flying Squad.

The next weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, January 7th, Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tau Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform, and Cap with White Cover.

The next weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Friday, January 10th, Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform, and Cap with White Cover.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out on Kennedy Road Range on the morning of Sunday, January 6th, at 10.00 a.m. Rifles will be inspected. All members will bring their rifles, belts and revolvers. Uniform optional.

Rifles.—All members who have not yet drawn their rifles must draw them on Tuesday, December 24th, or Friday, December 27th. (Sgd.) W. KENT, A. S. P. Adjutant.

THE FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

ACE OF SPADES BREAKS HIS NECK.

Some good sport was witnessed at the Christmas Meeting of the Fanling Hunt at Kowloon yesterday, but the day was marred by an accident in which Ace of Spades, a favourite steeplechaser, broke his neck as the result of coming a cropper at Lou's Leap. This was in the December Plate. Mr. Charles was the jockey, and although he was not seriously hurt, he had a very nasty shake-up.

The afternoon was ideal for racing, although on the cold side, whilst the course was in excellent condition. Mr. Stanton was the most successful of the jockeys, having two wins out of three appearances. The results were:

Christmas Pudding Stakes. Once Around.
Mr. Uister's Erin's Lale (168 lbs.) 1 (Mr. Charles)
Dr. Macgown's Huntington (158 lbs.) 2 (Mr. Bullock)
Mr. Patten's Lightning (168 lbs.) 3 (Mr. Patten)

Time: 2 mins. 12 1/2 secs.
Won by many lengths; 2 lengths.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$8.10; Places, \$2.70, \$4.80, \$5.70.

United Services Christmas Cap.
1 1/4 Miles.
Mr. Mattingley's Fire Call (169 lbs.) 1 (Mr. Churchill)
Mr. McCartney's Fanling Stag (168 lbs.) 2 (Mr. McCartney)
Comet Lang's As You Like It (163 lbs.) 3 (Comdt. Lang)

Won by 1 length; 1/4 length.
Time: 3 mins. 23 secs.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$16.50; Places, \$3.80, \$2.50, \$3.50.

The December Plate. 1 1/4 Miles.
Mr. Stanton's Montana (166 lbs.) 1 (Mr. Stanton)
Col. Haekard's Safety Last (161 lbs.) 2 (Mr. Cave)
Mr. Richardson's Scurr (168 lbs.) 3 (Mr. Richardson)

Won by many lengths; many lengths.
Time: 3.47 mins.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$3.80; Places, \$3.10, and \$5.20.

Noel Headcap. 1 1/4 Miles.
Mr. Stanton's Target (168 lbs.) 1 (Mr. Stanton)
Major Lake's Shiela (140 lbs.) 2 (Mr. Bullock)
Mr. Cave's Movanager (140 lbs.) 3 (Mr. Cave)

Won by many lengths; many lengths.
Time: 3.08 mins.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$2.70; Places, \$2.30, \$2.90, and \$5.60.

Winter Maiden. 1 Mile.
Mr. Heard's Christmas Frolic (168 lbs.) 1 (Mr. Bullock)
Lt. Col. Little's Sunloft (160 lbs.) 2 (Mr. Worrall)
Mr. Davidson's Aristophanes (163 lbs.) 3 (Mr. Durran)

Won by 2 lengths; half length.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$2.50; Places, \$2.40, \$5.10, and \$4.50.

The Cash Sweep.
Race 1.
No. 160 \$154
No. 30 \$44
No. 152 \$25
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Race 2.
No. 172 \$265.80
No. 168 \$5.80
No. 158 \$7.70
Unplaced runners (\$10.00 each), Nos. 44, 21, 3, 91.

Race 3.
No. 94 \$325.50
No. 187 \$93.00
No. 61 \$45.50
Unplaced runner (\$10.00) No. 193.

Race 4.
No. 3449 \$2,747.50
No. 5080 \$1,785.00
No. 5589 \$392.50
Unplaced runners (\$10.00 each), Nos. 2181, 5255, 1937, 6040, 2185, 1404, 5083, 953, 1533, 3125, 916, 1396.

Race 5.
No. 147 \$323.80
No. 275 \$93.50
No. 121 \$45.90
Unplaced runners (\$10.00 each), Nos. 117, 177, 259, and 47.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM NEW YORK.

The following quotations as at the close of the market on Saturday have been received from their correspondents Messrs. Hayden, Stone, and Co., of New York, by Messrs. Swan, Colbertson and Fritz, Sassoon House, Shanghai. (Cable address: "Swan stock," Shanghai), who are not responsible for cable mutilations.

	Previous Price	Latest Price
Anacosta Copper	72	73
Baltimore and Ohio	113	115
Bethlehem Steel	90	91
Chrysler Corp. (Common)	83	88
Erie Rly. Co.	57	59
General Motors	39	40
General Rly. Signal	80	80
Goodyear Tyre and Rubber	64	66
Grabby Consolidated International Cement (Common)	57	57
Lipsett and Myers "B" Mining Pacific (Common)	93	94
Nevada Consolidated	86	87
Copper	28	30
Radio Corporation of America (Common)	39	40
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	80	82
Standard Oil Co. of New York	82	83
Southern Pacific	119	121
Texas Corporation	55	56
United States Steel	163	163
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	90	93

The Very Idea!

The candidate was encountered unlooked-for opposition. In a word, and equally stormy warfare, he had come off second best against a resourceful, determined band of witty hecklers.

"Who brayed then?" he demanded in a loud voice, and paused triumphantly in the silence which greeted this.

As he made to recommence his speech, a voice sang out: "Perhaps it was only an echo, governor."

(People who would not think of cheating their friends, says a K.O., are sometimes not above defrauding the Inland Revenue.)

Though some may play the game with those whom they esteem as friends. And each essential fact disclose. Whichever way it tends. They lack essential moral pith. And this is sad but true. They are not always candid with the Inland Revenue.

Such conduct shows at any rate. A lack of common sense. For it is plain to cheat the State. It still the worst offence. Your friend, though you have been to blame. Your failings may ignore. But be assured the State will claim its pounds of flesh or more.

Therefore the truly thoughtful man. Intent on sinful ends. Will take the lesser risk and plan. To prey upon his friends. And though all honesty and truth. The worldly follow lacks. He still will tell the honest truth. About his income tax.

Nowly Rich Tourist: "Well, I gotta hand it to you for one thing—you've got us beat on fancy movie houses."

Native Guide: "Oh, Malou, that is no cinema; that is the Rheims cathedral!"

Man at Kingston-on-Thames: I have only one eye and cannot see in the dark.

Mr. Oswald, the Fulham Coroner: Even a careful workman like Homer sometimes nods and, like the other great poets, has lapses.

Woman at Highgate: The coal-box is in the front of the house, but the front of the house is, of course, at the back—I mean that the front entrance is at the back.

Man at West London: When I objected to my daughter of 17 being in a public-house my wife said: "She's a woman now" and clawed my face.

The day has gone by when a heedless man can amass a fortune and escape from the waste he has created.—The Dean of Manchester.

Industrialism from 1770 onwards has resulted in a form-blind, colour-blind, structure-blind urban population.—Sir C. Grant Robertson.

If a country can only be defended by war as described in "All Quiet on the Western Front" it is not worth defending.—Rev. T. Rhonda Williams.

Dramatic criticism is, has been, and eternally will be, as bad as it possibly can be.—Mr. Bernard Shaw.

While the train which left Fanling at 5.55 p.m. yesterday, bringing hundreds of race-goers back from the steeplechase meeting was approaching Shatin, trouble developed in the engine, and the train stopped for about twenty minutes. The trouble was eventually corrected, but the engine had for some time to proceed at a very low speed. The train arrived at Kowloon about half an hour late.

WHO WAS... GUINEVERE?

Guinevere, consort of King Arthur, was an unfaithful wife.

In Tennyson's "Idylls of the King," she is revealed in an intrigue with Sir Lancelot, one of the Knights of the Round Table, who hastens to his own realm to defend himself against Arthur when the secret of their guilt has been exposed.

The "Queen" meanwhile, is in a munnery; a battle is raging in her own mind between regret for injury she has done the King and her love for Lancelot.

Arthur discovers her hiding place, and seeks her out to show her how she has brought ruin to "The goodliest company of gentle knights whereof the world holds record." Then with a fine dignity he forgives her, and they make their eternal farewell, for Arthur pursues his march to the last great battle, wherein all the greatest heroes of the age perish with their King.

THRILLS IN GOLF FINAL.

BRILLIANT RECOVERY BY SHEWAN.

WINS LAST FOUR HOLES IN BIRDIE FIGURES.

MARTON CONSISTENT.

Staging one of the most brilliant recoveries ever seen in a match of such importance, I. W. Shewan won the Colony's golf championship at Fanling yesterday, defeating O. E. C. Marton in a thrilling final by two holes. For thirty-two of the thirty-six holes, Marton was more than his match. Occasional flashes of brilliance by Shewan alone prevented the younger player, who was consistency itself, from building up a substantial lead. As it was Marton went ahead at the first hole and hung on to his lead grimly, never getting more than three up and never less than one, until the thirty-fourth when Shewan, who was drawing upon all his reserves, squared the match for the first time, and then proceeded to win the next two holes for a magnificent victory.

Shewan's Sensational Finish.

With four holes to play, Marton was two up, and it looked all but certain that he would win the match. He played a brilliant hole, but a well-deserved victory. His play never faltered. He continued to play par golf, but as he produced bogey figures for the last four holes, so Shewan went one better. Nothing like it, he has been seen in Hongkong for many a long day, and the warm congratulations the new champion received on every hand immediately the story of his superlative golf got round were richly deserved.

It was Shewan's second championship—he won previously against Pendered in 1928—and his performance over the last nine holes revealed his fighting qualities. He came home in the afternoon with a score of four under bogey, containing only one five. This he dropped at the horizon, when both players ran into trouble. At the 13th, he lost a stroke when Marton laid a stygian almost dead.

Remarkable Golf.

The golf all day was as good as one could expect under the most favourable circumstances. In the adverse conditions prevailing, providing in very severe test, it was rather remarkable. A bitter wind blew steadily all day and it needed very careful watching, though as luck would have it, Marton and Shewan were required to play into the teeth of the wind or with it more often than not.

Marton established a definite superiority over the first six holes in the morning, at the end of which he was three up. From that stage it was touch and go, and Marton at no time improved upon his position. Five times out of six he was out-driven by Shewan, sometimes as much as forty yards, but for the most part he was straighter, while his approaches, particularly his approach putting, were more accurate.

A Poor Start.

Shewan started badly, topping his drive at the first hole, and taking three to reach the green. Marton was on in two and holed out in two, winning by four to five. Both were well placed on the green at the second and both missed short putts for birdie figures, a half in five resulting. Marton went further ahead at the Short Hole, though his tee shot fell short. Shewan was over and wide, and he missed a short putt for a half after a good recovery shot. Marton was down in three.

A long putt, from four to five yards, the only one of the whole match, gave Shewan a 3 at the Rise, but Marton became two up once again when Shewan fozzled his second after driving into the rough during the fifth hole.

Marton's Early Lead.

Marton played the sixth hole brilliantly. Both got into trouble and well out of it, Shewan being on the green with his second and Marton just short. Marton's third was beautifully judged however, placing him favourably within a foot of the pin. Shewan required three putts.

At this stage, therefore, Marton was three up, his score for the first six holes being 24, one under bogey, while Shewan had taken 27. The seventh and eighth were halved in bogey figures, while at the longest hole, The Turn, Shewan did a splendid four, out-distancing Marton with a drive of nearly 250 yards, and holing out from three or four yards. Marton took five and turned two up.

At the 10th, Marton was a thrifty jossy with a drive which just skimmed the crest of the intervening hill, and both holed out in birdie four.

Shewan in Trouble.

Shewan pulled into the clump of fir at the corner of the dog-leg hole, and forced to play for safety, took six to hole

NOW BETWEEN TWO ARMIES.

KWANGSI REBELS IN AN AWKWARD FLIGHT.

WEST RIVER OPEN.

Canton, Dec. 21. The Canton troops have occupied Wuchow without opposition. General Chan Chai-tong, Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese forces, who established his headquarters at Samshui last Monday, is now on his way up to Wuchow.

All the West River steamers which had been lying idle in Canton for over three weeks have resumed their run between Canton and West River ports.

The flotilla of Northern gunboats which had been sent down to assist the Cantonese Provincial Fleet have again left for the North; only a number of transports, Chinese merchant vessels, are still lying idle in port.

The Kwangsi rebels are now reported to be between two armies. The Cantonese are advancing from Kwangtung by the West River, and the Yunnanese attacking them from the south-west are advancing towards Nanning.

According to information from the Yuet-Kun Railway Administration, passenger and freight traffic from Canton to Shikwan will re-open to-day, says the Canton News Agency.—Our Own Correspondent.

out, experiencing further trouble in the vicinity of the green. Marton also met with difficulties, but a splendid approach putt gave him the hole.

Marton did a rare thing for him at the 13th, taking three putts. Shewan won in 3 to 4. After a half at the 13th, where Shewan recovered brilliantly from a bad lie, Marton sliced into the rough below a bunker protecting the 14th green, and took two before he was clear, requiring six for the hole, which Shewan did in an excellent four.

Shewan missed a putt for a half in five at the Archway, Braselade was halved in four. Shewan just drove from the tee but failed to place his approach within puttable distance.

A Fine Shot

Shewan brought off one of the most brilliant shots of the day in placing on the seventeenth green with his second. His tee shot carried to the left of the fairway, and he played daringly over the hillside and the ball came to rest in a nice position for a birdie four, which he secured. Marton returned pay figures. Marton was now one up, but he improved his position on the home green, Shewan missing an easy putt.

In the afternoon, it was quickly evident that a big struggle was coming. Marton was within a foot of the Meadow pin with his third, but Shewan holed out from four feet for a half. On the twentieth green in two, Shewan took two putts and won in birdie figures, only to get a setback at the 21st where Marton placed his tee shot within a foot of the pin.

Nearly in One!

Had the ball had the "legs" to continue on the same line, he might easily have accomplished the hole in one! The hole was naturally his, two to four.

The Rise and the Dip were halved in even figures. Marton dropped a hole as the result of a six at the Long Hole, and picking it up again at the Bog, he turned two up, the Gap and the Turn being halved.

Some splendid golf and deadly putting gave Shewan fours at the 10th and 11, Marton emulating his example on the 10th.

At the 12th, both were nicely placed on the green. Shewan laid his second with eighteen inches, and Marton laid him a stygian. Shewan fouled the ball in trying to sneak past.

The Horizon and Sandy's Pulpit

being halved, the players teed up for the thirty-third with Marton still two up.

Marton got into trouble, going from one side of the fairway to the other. He took three to reach the green while Shewan steering a straight course was on in two. Marton holed out in five, but Shewan went one better.

Shewan squared the match for the first time at Braselade. He was a trifle short while Marton pulled badly and found rough country. Shewan brought off a great shot, and was down in three. Marton went for a tea-footer and missed narrowly.

At the seventeenth, Marton hit the hillside with his second and though his ball rolled safely, was still short with his third. Shewan was on in two by safety tactics and scoring his third successive "birdie" became dormey one.

The last hole was keenly contested, but the luck went with Shewan. His second, a delightful shot, came to a standstill within two feet of the pin, and the match was over.

The splendid golf played, is

HOLLY BRANCHES FOR XMAS.

TWO CHINESE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION.

STORY OF PURCHASE.

The atmosphere of the festive season prevailed at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when mention was made, before Mr. Whyte Smith, of a case in which two men were charged with being in possession, in Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong, of 42 cuttings of wild trees reasonably suspected of having been cut from Government Plantations.

In answer to the charge, both defendants said they had purchased the branches from Tai-po.

Inspector Phillips intimated that some of the branches, which were found in the defendant's possession, were especially protected by law. The officer produced the section of the Ordinance under which they were protected.

His Worship, looking at the name mentioned, remarked, "Is that what it is, *Isora Chinensis*?" After seeing the branches his Worship exclaimed, "Oh! It's holly!"

In reply to his Worship, Inspector Phillips intimated that the police could not say the place from which the holly had been cut, but remarked that the defendants were arrested under suspicious circumstances. When they were accused by a constable, they ran away.

After hearing the evidence of arrest, Mr. J. J. Hirst, of the Forestry Department, remarked that unless holly was obtained from Chinese territory or from private gardens, it was an offence under the Ordinance, as it was specially protected.

His Worship:—Why's that? Is it rare?

Mr. Hirst:—We wish to preserve it.

His Worship:—I suppose there will be a lot of it stolen now for Christmas?

Mr. Hirst:—Yes.

His Worship remarked to the defendants that they themselves had very likely come from Tai-po, but he did not think the branches had been brought from there. It was pointed out to the defendants that if they had only just come from Tai-po they would hardly have been in Waterloo Road.

Inspector Phillips remarked that both defendants were residents of Kowloon City.

His Worship (to defendants):—Why did you go to Tai-po to buy wood?

First defendant:—It is not wood; it is branches which can be got from the Flower Market. There is a Flower Market at Tai-po. I just went there to buy them for Christmas.

His Worship:—I am told you are not allowed to take the trees with the berries on. You are not allowed even to take them from Tai-po.

First Defendant:—I don't know where they (the Tai-po vendors) got it from but I bought it just for Christmas.

Each defendant was convicted and fined \$10, or fourteen days' hard labour.

Illustrated by the cards returned, as follows:

	Shewan.	Marton
Out	5 5 4 3 5 5 3 4 4—38	5 5 4 4 4 4 4 5—40
In	4 3 4 4 4 4 4 5—40	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 5—39
In	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 3—35—162	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 3—163

There was only one criticism to make. The players were a trifle free with their concessions of putts.—"Wanderer."

KOWLOON CHAMPIONSHIP

F. E. Remedios Defeats D. C. Wilson in Final.

F. E. Remedios retained the championship of the Kowloon Golf Club yesterday when he met and defeated D. C. Wilson in the final, by the large margin of 10 up and 9 to play.

The conditions were all against good golf. Remedios played very consistently, and in the 27 holes played, only had one six on his card. The result was a foregone conclusion after the first nine, by which time Remedios, playing very steadily, had established a lead of four up. Wilson was erratic and on two occasions did not hole out. The second nine Remedios did even better, beating his 29 first time round by two strokes. He did the 18 holes in 76, a remarkable good score having regard to the cold, stiff breeze blowing all the time. When the pair went in toiffin Remedios was no less than eight up. The only hole Wilson won was the last.

Going out in the afternoon Remedios won the first two holes to become ten up, but at Burnside he got a six and the hole went to Wilson in five. However, he continued to play very consistently and finished the match at the 27th—10 up and 9 to play.

The splendid golf played, is

PROMISSORY NOTE CLAIM.

INTEREST DESCRIBED AS "PURE EXTORTION."

JUDGE'S REMARKS.

After pointing out that, according to the stipulation on a promissory note, interest should have been four per cent. on \$50, while the money-lender had charged ten per cent., Mr. Justice Wood in the Summary Court this morning told an Indian money-lender that the additional six per cent. was pure extortion.

The case was one in which Jaaga Singh, of the Hongkong Rope Factory, Kennedy Town, sued Chan Chung, motor driver, and Chung Kai, claiming \$118, being \$100 principal and \$18 interest for nine months. Chung Kai was absent, and the parties conducted their own cases.

Plaintiff stated that he lent the sum of \$50 to Chan Chung, who signed for double. He had only repaid \$5 and had paid no interest for seven months. Plaintiff further said that he had lent a similar sum to defendant on that note, but the case had not yet been tried.

Chan Chung admitted that he borrowed \$50, but averred that he had paid \$5 a month for seven months by way of interest. He had also been paying \$5 a month on the other note. He said the reason why he stopped payment was because he became unemployed after his master left for Shanghai. Shortly afterwards, his son died, and he had no money to pay.

His Lordship said he was satisfied that the original loan was \$50 cash, and that defendant signed for double, \$100, according to custom. After that, he made monthly payments of \$5 for seven months by way of interest. Plaintiff had denied that, but his Lordship said he believed defendant made those payments. The sum of \$5 a month was \$10 per cent. per month, and the note stipulated \$2 per cent. per month on \$100, which was four per cent. on \$50. The additional six per cent. was pure extortion.

Continuing, his Lordship said in view of that, he was going to make what he thought was a fair and equitable arrangement. He would allow interest at the rate of four per cent. per month on the loan. Ten months had gone by and plaintiff was therefore entitled to \$20 for that period, which was to say he was entitled to recover \$70 altogether. He had already received \$35, so that judgment would be given for plaintiff for \$35 only and costs. "Even that is too much," added his Lordship. "Really, I ought to reduce it by \$3 for every \$5 paid, but I think I have made a fair arrangement."

The second case was fixed for hearing on Friday afternoon next.

GARRISON NEWS.

RECENT WOLF CURS' COMPETITION.

It may be of interest to note that, at the recent Competition for Wolf Cub Packs, held at Government House, the 4th Murray (Garrison) Pack gained the highest number of points. The Totem Pole, which the Murray Pack hold for the next year, is a much coveted prize, and it is no mean achievement for the winners. The Pack was formed by Mrs. Scott Little only last April, and this early success speaks of the work done in so short a time. The Pack is drawn solely from those attending the Garrison School.

Both in connexions of this kind, and the welfare of the older children, the Rev. and Mrs. Scott Little will be much missed when they leave Hongkong for Shanghai in the early part of next year.

Christmas Dances. Although it clashed with the R.A.F. dance at Messrs. Tate's, Crawford's on Friday night, the J.A.S.C. dance at the R. E. Theatre was a great success, and was well attended.

The General Officer Commanding the Troops in China (H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) was present, as were a number of the Staff Officers from Headquarters. Auld Lang Syne and a chorus of cherry good-nights terminated the proceedings in the wee small hours of Saturday.

The R. E. Theatre was also put to good use again on Saturday night, when a dance was given by the Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals. Although not so well patronised as the previous evening's dance, plenty of couples were there to trip the "light fantastic."

SNOW IN SHANGHAI.

CITY COVERED IN MANTLE OF WHITE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 21. Shanghai's first snowfall this year occurred on Saturday morning, covering the city in a mantle of white and creating a Christ-mas atmosphere.

THE WEST RIVER FLOTILLA.

DETAILS OF THE ANNUAL REGATTA.

WIN FOR MOORHEN.

Canton, Dec. 21. The West River Flotilla held their annual Regatta here yesterday. This was the first occasion on which it had been held in Canton, and many people were pleased to have the opportunity to go and see a good day's racing. The Regatta is usually held somewhere in the delta; last year it was at First Cliffs, on which occasion H.M.S. Seamount carried off the aggregate cup. This year, H.M.S. Seamount were unfortunately unable to defend their title, as, owing to the political situation, it was necessary that one gunboat remain in the West River.

The aggregate cup went to H.M.S. Moorhen, and this proved an extremely popular win. H.M.S. Moorhen is the smallest ship of the flotilla and only carries about half the complement of the other three ships competing. Furthermore H.M.S. Moorhen were unable to enter a crew for the officer's race owing to sickness; they were, however, awarded one point for this event, as they had come in last.

The course was half a mile for all events; a straight course along the south side of Belcher's Island where all the Canton Regattas are usually held. A strong wind was blowing from the east and, with the tide ebbing, was inclined to make the water choppy. It was also very cold. The racing, however, was enjoyed by competitors and spectators alike.

There were twelve events altogether of which H.M.S. Moorhen secured first place in eight events, and did not compete in one (the Officer's Race). The following are the results:

Skiff (Seamen)—1st, Moorhen; 2nd, Tarantula; 3rd, Moth; 4th, Cicada.
Sampans (Engine Room Ratings)—1st, Moth; 2nd, Cicada; 3rd, Moorhen; 4th, Tarantula.
Skiff (Officers)—1st, Moth; 2nd, Tarantula; 3rd, Cicada.
Sampans (Racing Crews)—1st, Moorhen; 2nd, Moth; 3rd, Tarantula. In this event H.M.S. Cicada actually came in second but was disqualified and received no points.
Skiff (Chinese)—1st, Moorhen; 2nd, Moth; 3rd, Cicada; 4th, Tarantula.
Skiff (Engine Room Ratings)—1st, Moorhen; 2nd, Moth; 3rd, Tarantula; 4th, Cicada.
Sampans (Seamen)—1st, Cicada; 2nd, Moorhen; 3rd, Tarantula; 4th, Moth.
Skiff (Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers)—1st, Moorhen; 2nd, Tarantula; 3rd, Moth; 4th, Cicada.
Sampans (Chinese)—1st, Moorhen; 2nd, Moth; 3rd, Cicada; 4th, Tarantula.
Skiff (Sculls)—1st, Moorhen; 2nd, Moth; 3rd, Tarantula; 4th, Cicada.
Shore Sampans' Girls (No points awarded for this event)—1st, Moorhen; 2nd, Cicada; 3rd, Tarantula; 4th, Moth.
All Comers—1st, Cicada; 2nd, Tarantula; 3rd, Moth; 4th, Moorhen.

At the conclusion of the racing, Mrs. Boddam Whetham presented the prizes on board H.M.S. Tarantula. The final results were—1st, Moorhen (35 points); 2nd, Moth (30 points); 3rd, Tarantula (23 points); 4th, Cicada (21 points).

In the evening, the British residents of Canton, under the auspices of the British Chamber of Commerce, gave the annual Christmas dinner in the Canton Club Theatre to the men of the Flotilla and this proved a most fitting end to a very successful day. Owing to four gunboats of the flotilla being in port there were more guests than usual this year and about 100 guests and 40 hosts sat down to dinner, at which Mr. G. S. Moss, C.B.E., H.B.M. Consul-General, presided.—Our Own Correspondent.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 22.
Paris	122.80
New York	4.88 5/8
Brussels	84.84 1/2
Geneva	25.09 1/2
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2
Milan	93.25
Berlin	20.88
Stockholm	18.09 1/2
Copenhagen	18.18 1/2
Oslo	18.18 1/2
Prague	34.07
Helsingfors	19.47
Madrid	35.24
Lisbon	108.4
Athens	37.5
Bucharest	81.7
Rio	5.9
Buenos Aires	44.7
Bombay	1/6 29/32
Shanghai	2/2
Hongkong	1/7 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 1/16
Silver (spot)	22 1/16
Silver (forward)	22 1/2

New York, Dec. 21. Commander Byrd has been promoted Rear Admiral by a Bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Swannom of Virginia. The promotion is in recognition of his explorations in the Antarctic.

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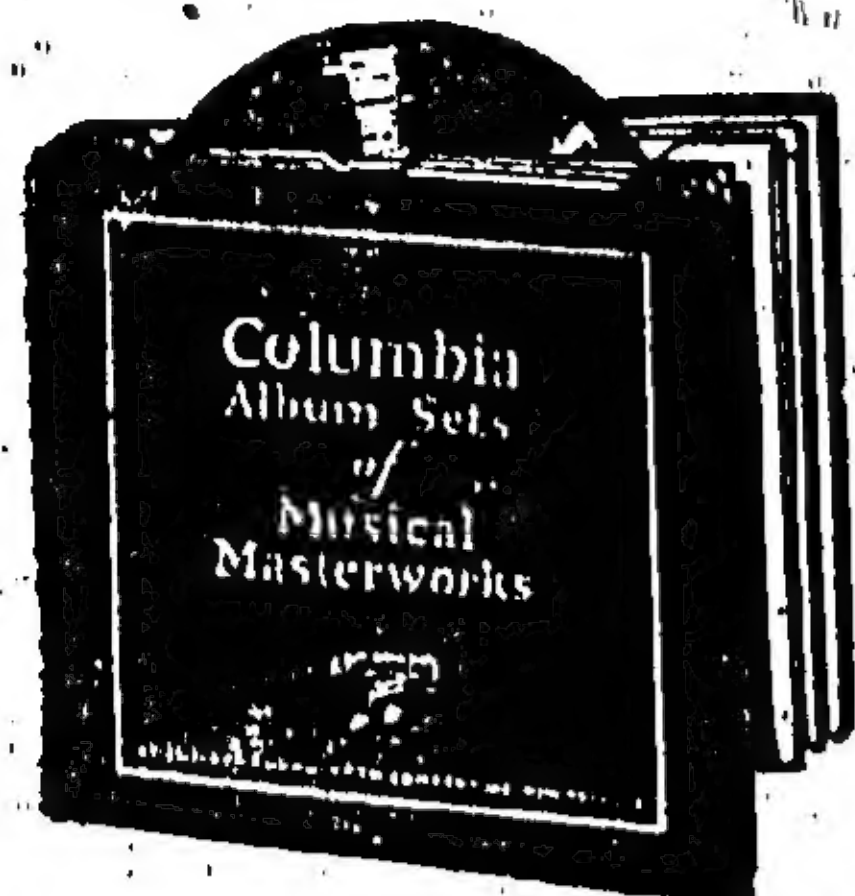
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4 Records Huberman-Violin and
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LEAGUE CRICKET MATCHES.

NAVY AND ARMY JUST FAIL TO WIN.

There were only two matches in the first division of the Cricket League on Saturday, and in neither was a definite result recorded. The Army had all the best of the game with the Civil Service, but despite a very fine bowling effort by Col. Wyatt, they were denied the fruits of victory. The Navy, too, had the best of matters in a drawn game with the Indian R.C. but just failed to force home their advantage.

DIVISION I.

Army Unlucky In Not Beating Civil Service.

The Army have every cause to be disappointed with the result of their match against the Civil Service on Saturday, for after having all the best of the game, they were forced to be content with a division of the spoils. Lieut. Maxwell scored 34 in his best style and Lieut. Penn contributed 22. The Army were able to apply the closure after running up a score of 121 for 6 wickets.

Col. Wyatt then proceeded to bowl with deadly effect, and only an unexpected resistance by Ling, who was top scorer with 21, saved the Civil Service from a complete collapse. Even then, the Army were denied their just reward, Hamilton and E. B. Reed defending stubbornly to thwart the bowlers. Stumps were drawn with the Service having lost 9 wickets for 81 runs.

Col. Wyatt returned the excellent figures of 6 for 24. Ling was the only Civil Service bowler to create any impression on the Army batsmen. He captured 3 wickets for 24 runs.

Indian R.C. v. The Navy.

The match at Seakwunpoo on Saturday between the Navy and the Indian R.C. was full of interesting cricket, being featured by some excellent batting by Lieut. Wright, who contributed 42 to the Navy's total of 134 for 8 declared, and a fine innings of 41 by C. F. Doodha. Apart from him, only A. H. Madar, who scored 16, faced the Navy attack with any confidence, whilst S. A. Jamil and A. el Arculi held the fort at the end and successfully played out time, the Club being 32 runs behind with two wickets outstanding. Sq. Ldr. Bumphrey, who took 5 wickets for 27 runs, and A. B. Laskett, who captured three for 20, were the most successful of the Navy trundlers, whilst A. R. Minu bowled very well for the

I. R. C. to take four wickets for 37 runs.

DIVISION II.

R.A.S.C. Collapse In Match With Police R.C.

Alexander and B. G. Baker were in irresistible form with the ball when playing for the Police R.C. against the R.A.S.C., at the Happy Valley, and it was almost entirely thanks to them that the Police were able to record their fourth League victory of the season.

After allowing, however, for the leanness of the Police attack, it cannot be said that the Service men batted well, particularly in view of the very little assistance the bowlers derived from the wicket. Fry faced the attack with a certain amount of confidence and his 22 was the only contribution that saved the losers from a complete collapse. The side were all out for 50, Alexander taking 6 wickets for 18 runs and Baker the remaining four, at a cost of 8 runs apiece.

The Police soon lost T. H. King when they went to the wicket, but Hunter and Alexander hit out freely, and easily knocked off the necessary runs, the Police winning by 8 wickets. Alexander being bowled in the last over of the day.

Friendly Matches.

Bright batting was the feature of the Over 30 and Under 30 fixture at the Hongkong C.C. ground. Reid ran up a nice score of 63 for the "Unders" and Duckitt gave excellent assistance with 40.

The "Overs," however, retaliated strongly, and a splendid partnership between Armstrong (57) and Hinton (63) left the honours of the day equally divided.

Sillitoe had the best bowling figures with four wickets for 27 runs. Reid had to give away 72 runs for his three victims.

Kowloon C.C. v. University.

The Kowloon C.C. experienced no difficulty in defeating the University whom they entertained on Saturday.

Kowloon made the University attack look very ordinary, and thanks to a well played 53 by E. F. Fincher and 41 not out by F. Goodwin, they were able to declare after scoring 180 for 7 wickets. The visitors made a promising start in reply, but later the Club bowlers took command of the situation, and with Hung, Goodwin and Bruce all taking cheap wickets, the whole side were out for 93.

Club de Recreo v. Civil Service.

Coming in at a last minute's notice to avoid the Club de Recreo being left without an afternoon's cricket, (the Royal Artillery having previously scratched their league fixture with the Club), the Civil Service found themselves outplayed, being dismissed by the Recreo for 19 runs, De Souza taking half the wickets for 8 runs and Alves 4 for 10. The home team then hit up a total of 91 in response. F. H. Carvalho was top scorer with 20. The most successful

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HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home football, as cabled by Reuter, were:

First Division.	
Birmingham	3 Sunderland
Blackburn	1 Manchester C.
Grimsby	0 Wednesday
Huddersfield	0 Bolton
Leicester	4 Burnley
Liverpool	1 Arsenal
Manchester U.	3 Leeds
Middlesbrough	2 Portsmouth
Newcastle	2 Derby
Sheffield U.	2 Everton
West Ham	5 Aston Villa
*Postponed; ground unfit.	

Second Division.	
Barrow	2 Bradford C.
Blackpool	3 Swansea
Bradford	0 Wolves
Bury	4 Cardiff
Chelsea	5 Preston N.E.
Millwall	3 Reading
Notts. Forest	5 Bristol C.
Oldham	2 Notts. County
Southampton	2 Charlton
Tottenham	2 Hull
West Brom.	2 Stoke

Third Division (South).	
Brentford	6 Walsall
Brighton	5 Fulham
Bristol R.	4 Queen's P.R.
Clapton O.	0 Bournemouth
Coventry C.	5 Luton
Merthyr	1 Gillingham
Newport	4 Exeter
Plymouth	6 Crystal Pal.
Swindon	2 Norwich
Torquay	0 Northampton
Watford	2 Southend

Third Division (North).	
Barrow	0 Halifax
Carlisle	4 St. Shields
Crewe	5 Hartlepool
Nelson	2 Accrington
New Brighton	1 Lincoln
Port Vale	1 Tranmere
Southport	3 Darlington
Stockport	1 Chesterfield
Wigan	3 Rochdale
Wrexham	1 Rotherham
York	2 Doncaster

Scottish League.	
Aberdeen	1 Falkirk
Airdrie	3 Hibernians
Ayr	4 St. Johnstone
Clyde	3 Dundee U.
Dundee	2 Partick T.
Hamilton	1 Kilmarnock
Heart's	1 Celtic
Morton	3 Cowdenbeath
Queen's Park	1 St. Mirren
Rangers	4 Motherwell

YACHTING.

THE FIFTH CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT.

The Fifth Championship race (Handicap Class) for racing yachts was sailed on Saturday over a course of 0.4 miles, from Lyonesse Beacon (P) to Kowloon Rocks, Mark-on-Line (P), and Channel Rocks (S).

The finished and corrected times are given below:

"Handicap" Class.	
(Started 2.50 p.m.)	
Yacht	Corrected Time.
Rolla (1)	4.46.15
La Linda (3) ...	4.49.01
Diana (5)	4.53.02
Colleen (4)	4.54.34
Dorothy (2) ...	4.55.19

"Menagerie" Race for "P," "Y" and "G" Classes. (Started 2.50 p.m.)

Course: Channel Rocks (S) to Mark-on-Line (S), Kowloon Rocks (S) and Channel Rocks (S). Distance: 7.4 miles.	
Yacht	Corrected Time.
Daphne (2)	4.27.05
Wings (1)	4.27.20
Adams (3)	4.35.15

Yesterday's Race.

The third cruiser race was sailed yesterday, the course being set to round Lamma Island, a distance of 2.5 miles. The race started at 10.07 a.m., and resulted as follows:	
Yacht	Corrected Position
U. and I.	4.28.07
Curlew	6.22.46

The following yachts started but did not finish the race.—La Cigale, Azama, Coquette, Irene, Norseman.

A BILLIARDS "PRO."

MR. H. W. STEVENSON TO VISIT HONGKONG.

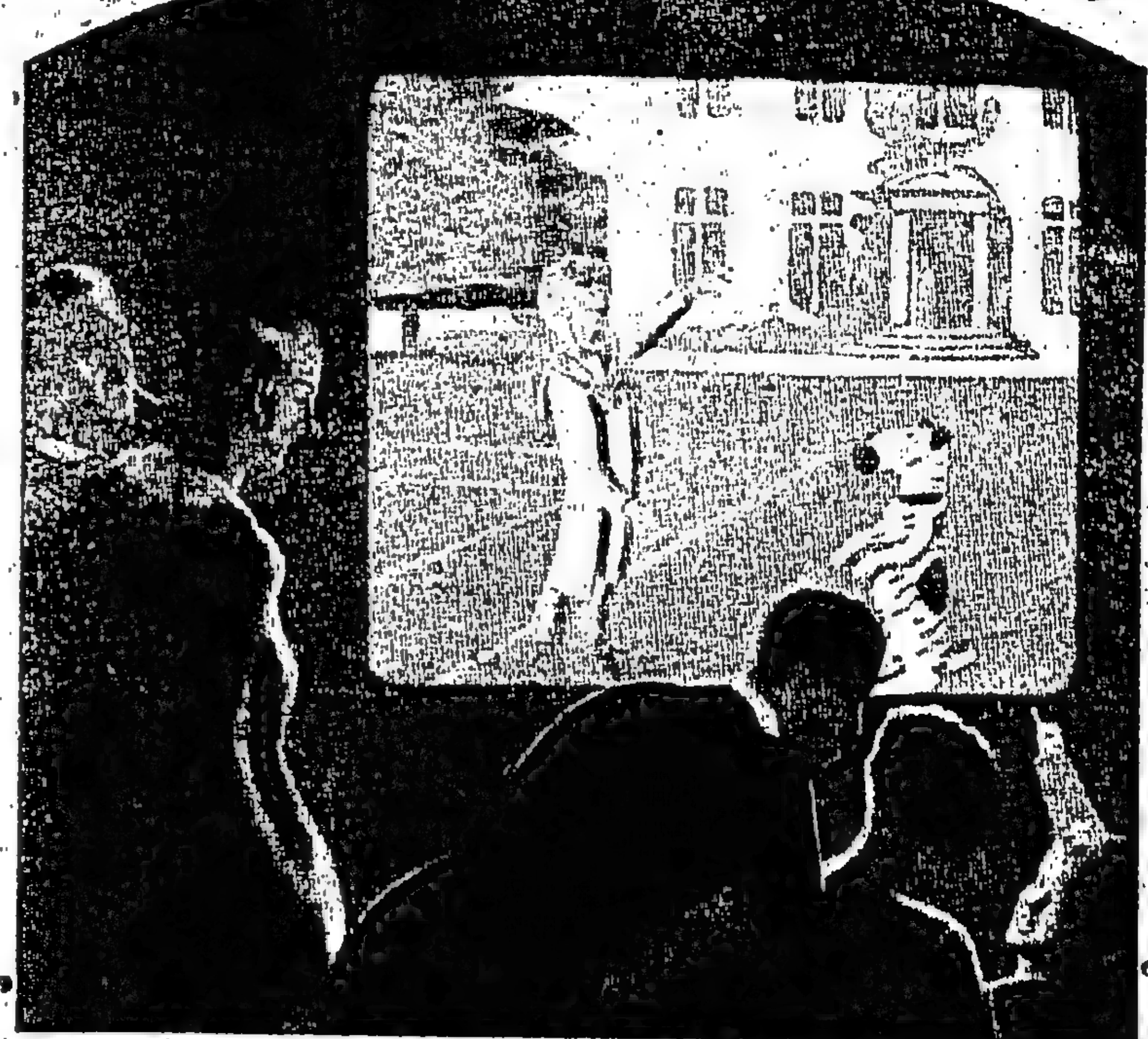
There is a possibility of Hongkong receiving a visit from Mr. H. W. Stevenson, the billiards professional in the near future, although whether he will consent to give an exhibition match will largely depend on the state of his health and the time he spends in the Colony.

His present trip to the Far East is necessitated by a break-down in health, and he has been strictly advised not to play billiards. He arrived in Rangoon recently, however, and consented to play in an exhibition match, and it is to be hoped that he may be induced to do likewise if he stays for any length of time in Hongkong.

He has planned to go on to Penang, from Rangoon, from whence he will travel to Bangkok, through to China and Japan, returning via Shanghai, Hongkong and Singapore.

Mr. Stevenson, has given exhibition matches in Hongkong on more than one occasion already, and he is assured of an enthusiastic welcome by the entire sport-loving community of the Colony, who, it is to be hoped, will again have the opportunity of seeing the famous player once more in action with the ivory.

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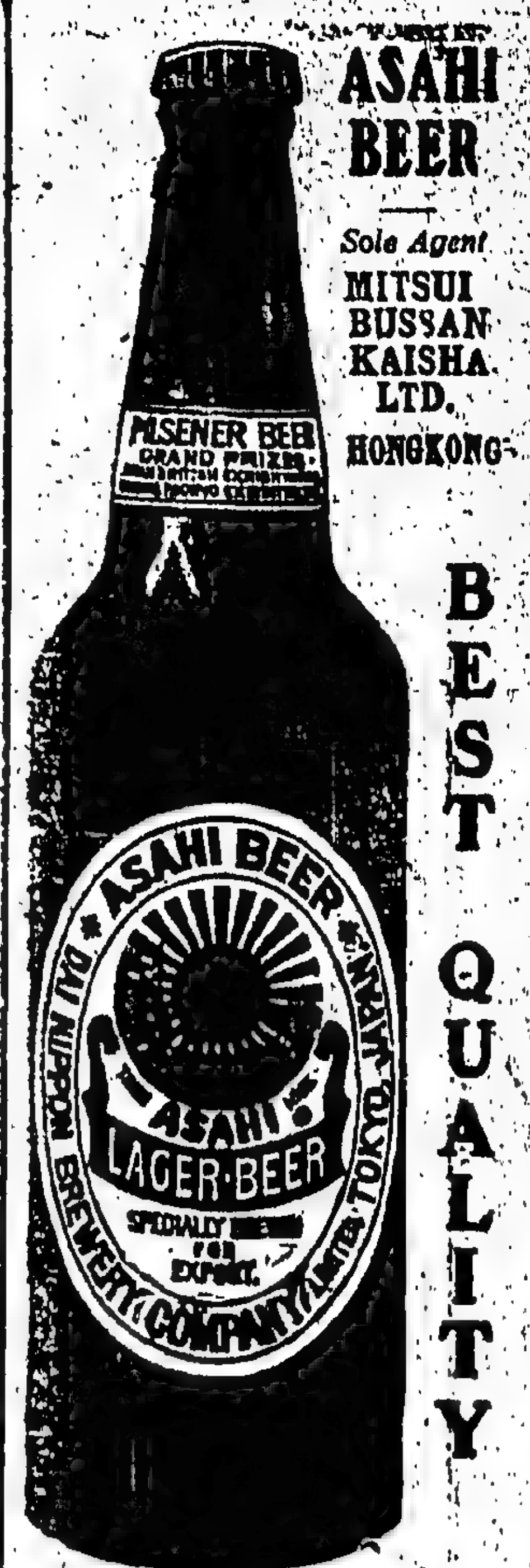
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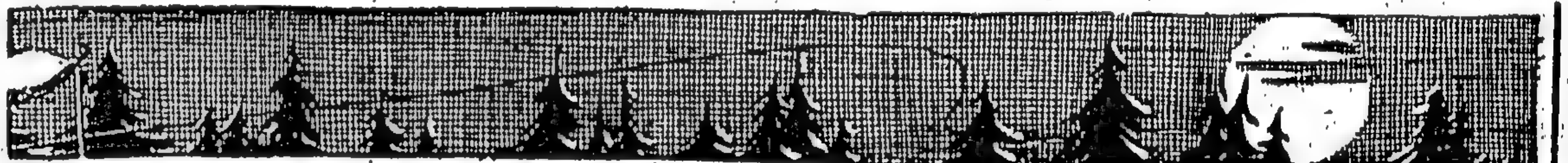
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"CLOSING DAY" AT THE K.B.G.C.

BOWLS & TENNIS TROPHIES PRESENTED.

The playing activities of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club during the past year were dealt with by the President, Mr. D. F. Warren, on Saturday, on the occasion of "Closing Day." Mr. Warren called upon Mrs. H. Nish, wife of the Vice-President, to distribute the bowls and tennis prizes won during the season. After the bowls match had been completed, those present gathered round a table on which were exhibited the season's prizes.

Mr. D. F. Warren, the President, addressing those present prior to the distribution of prizes, said, in part: "I am sure that we all regret the cause of postponement of our Closing Day. The former arrangements were cancelled in honour of the memory of Mr. Maclean, who was so very suddenly called away. Mr. Maclean has been a member of our Club for many years. He was a keen bowler, in fact, played in the League matches during the past two seasons. He was a regular attendant at the Club and took a keen interest in the game of bowls on Friday evening of the 13th. I can assure you that it was a great shock to me when I was advised by one of our members that he had passed away during the night. We shall miss him very much from our Club."

During the year six teams were entered for the League matches. With respect to the teams of the 1st Division, I may say that they started off not too well, but as the season advanced, they improved in their play and it was hoped that they would win the League, their last game being with our nearest neighbour—the K.C.C. After that game was finished, our 1st Division team retired from the contest, having played 14 games and winning eight, the highest standing in the League for the past 11 years.

The "Boys"

After the 1st Division was definitely out of the running, all eyes were focussed upon the 2nd, or "Boys" Division, which were winning all before them. When we had finished the fixtures, we had played 14 games and won ten, and we found ourselves in the unhappy position of tying with two other Clubs in the Colony with this distinction, however, that we had 160 points to our credit, while our nearest competitors had 135 points. However, as it was games not points that counted, it necessitated a triangular re-play. The Civil Service drew a bye and we were drawn against Taifoo and there is where we met our Waterloo. I am quite free to admit that we were beaten by superior players. They simply out-played us and are to be congratulated on winning the League.

I desire to take this opportunity of thanking the bowlers of both Divisions for their loyalty during the past season, as it means much to give up every Saturday afternoon to League fixtures. The Selection Committee are to be congratulated on their work, as it was no easy task to keep six rinks up to full strength, especially as reserve players were very limited. Our competent Green Convener, Mr. Hall, deserves great credit for the excellent work that he has accomplished. He was seriously handicapped in his operations during the water shortage as we were notified not to use water from the mains for sprinkling the greens. However, Mr. Hall was equal to the occasion and utilised the water from the well on the premises. As Mr. Hall puts it, one well is good, two would be better, so he asked for another and it was given him and now he is ready for any emergency.

The Tennis Section.

Tennis: I am pleased to report that we have had a larger number of entrants for the various competitions than we have had for a long time. Tennis is one of the recreations that is coming to the fore in this Colony. We have progressed this season and entered a team in the Mixed Doubles League, and although they did not do as well as some others, yet our teams have demonstrated that they will be a factor to be reckoned with in the future. I notice among the prize winners in the tennis tournament this season, some of the ladies and also gentlemen who won last year; but I am informed on good authority that some of the new players made the winners go all the way.

I hope that next year even greater interest will be taken in this branch of the Club's activities. I desire to thank all who have in any way contributed to the success of the tennis department.

The Prize Winners.

Mrs. Nish then presented prizes to the following: Championships: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), W. Russell; 2nd

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M. BARTOL TO UNDERTAKE TASK OF FORMATION.

Warsaw, Dec. 22.

M. Bartol, the Premier from June 1928 to June 1929, has accepted the commission to form a new Cabinet. He is a supporter of Marshal Pilsudski, under whom he formerly served as Vice-Premier. The appointment is regarded as an indication that Pilsudski does not intend to rule as Dictator.

price, (presented by Mr. J. Gibson), D. W. Phillips; 3rd prize, (presented by Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd.), A. R. Whibley.

President's: 1st prize, (presented by Mr. D. F. Warren) and Harvey Memorial Shield, C. Atkinson; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. B. Branch), L. Guy; 3rd prize, (presented by Mr. Russell), J. V. Ramsay.

Vice-President's: 1st prize, (presented by Mr. E. Nish), J. Gibson; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. S. Gray), J. C. Brown; 3rd prize, (presented by Mr. D. Muir), L. Guy.

Handicap Doubles: 1st prize, (presented by Mr. Russell), Nish, Bradford and Hunter; S. E. Eccleshall and D. W. Phillips; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. D. Keith), H. Nish and P. Young-husband.

Non-Prize Winners: 1st prize, (presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.), D. W. Phillips; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. W. Macfarlane), G. E. Stewart.

Handicap Singles: 1st prize, (presented by Mr. R. Lapsley), J. Rodgers; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. R. Duncan), L. Guy; 3rd prize, (presented by Mr. W. J. Kerr), A. R. Whibley.

Men's Championships: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), J. Rodgers; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. G. E. F. Thompson), G. Rodgers.

Men's Handicap Singles: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), J. Rodgers; 2nd prize, (presented by the Club), J. V. Ramsay.

Ladies' Handicap Singles: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), Mrs. Cuthill; 2nd prize, (presented by the Club), Mrs. McCaw.

Ladies' Novices Singles: 1st prize, (presented by Mr. R. Hall), Mrs. Hogbin; 2nd prize, (presented by Major W. White, R.A.O.C.), Mrs. Thompson.

Men's Handicap Doubles: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), J. Rodgers and E. W. L. Hogbin; 2nd prize, (presented by the Club), W. E. Hale and F. V. Whitta.

Ladies' Handicap Doubles: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), Messrs. McCaw and Thompson; 2nd prize, (presented by Mr. D. Gow), Messrs. Hall and Hogbin.

Mixed Handicap Doubles: 1st prize, (presented by the Club), Mr. J. Rodgers and Mrs. Cuthill; 2nd prize, (presented by the Club), Mr. W. Brown and Mrs. McCaw.

The prize-giving completed, Miss Joan Rapley presented to Mrs. Nish a bouquet of flowers with silver holder.

Replying on behalf of his wife, Mr. Nish expressed thanks for the gift done to his wife in raising the trophy. He continued that they had officiated. He continued that they had hoped the ceremony would have been performed by Mrs. Warren, but unfortunately she had had to go to Canada owing to ill-health. The speaker hoped that Mr. Warren would express their regrets to Mrs. Warren at her absence, with the hope that she would be present next year. On behalf of the bowlers, Mr. Nish also thanked the ladies who had served tea, and Miss Rapley for the bouquet. He presented a box of chocolates to Miss Rapley.

The President then handed to Mrs. Nish a handbag on behalf of the tennis section.

Appended are the bowls scores:

President.	Vice-President.
J. Rodgers	J. T. Dobbie
J. Campbell	W. E. Hale
J. C. Brown	W. J. Bickford
D. Muir	12 J. Gibson

J. S. McIntosh	J. V. Ramsay
B. Branch	F. C. Gray
L. Guy	W. E. Bell
W. Russell	21 J. Fraser

H. Giffins	B. Gray
A. Alves	C. V. Hast
A. W. Blackburn	W. M. Johnston
J. Gutierrez	13 R. Lapsley

A. E. McDougall	S. Eccleshall
D. W. Phillips	H. Rose
E. W. L. Hogbin	R. Duncan
W. Macfarlane	14 A. R. Whibley

G. E. F. Thompson	C. Atkinson
N. Watson	F. C. Gray
L. Guy	V. Pedrick
D. F. Warren	12 H. Nish

T. West	P. T. Farrell
D. Gow	18 A. Chapman
	90
	88

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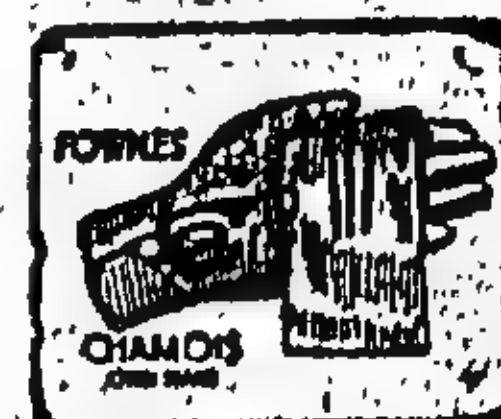
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Empress of Canada	Jun. 17	Jun. 20	Jun. 23	Jun. 25	Jul. 3
Empress of Russia	Jul. 10	Jul. 13	Jul. 16	Jul. 18	Jul. 26
Empress of Asia	Jul. 24	Jul. 27	Jul. 30	Aug. 1	Aug. 9
Empress of Canada	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 13	Aug. 15	Aug. 23
Empress of Russia	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sep. 6
Empress of Asia	Sep. 4	Sep. 7	Sep. 10	Sep. 12	Sep. 20
Empress of Canada	Sep. 18	Sep. 21	Sep. 24	Sep. 26	Oct. 4
Empress of Russia	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 10	Oct. 18
Empress of Asia	Oct. 16	Oct. 19	Oct. 22	Oct. 24	Oct. 31
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RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

The programme to be broadcast by Z.B.W. on 355 and 49 metres to-day contains some very popular records supplied by Messrs. Moutrie.
6.00-6.05 p.m. Programme of H. M. V. and Victor records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie.
"Lido Lady," Selection (Rodgers), Savoy Orpheans.
"The Blind Ploughman," (Maiguerite Raudyfe-Hall—Knecht (G. Clarke).
"Oh could I but express in song," (Malmshin).
Feodor Chaliapin.
"Indian Love Call," (Harbach—Hammerstein—Friml).
"Deep in my heart, Dear," (Dorothy Donnelly—Sigmund Romberg).
Fritz Kreisler.
"Now sleeps the Crimson Petal," (Quilter).
"I know of two bright Eyes," (Clutnam).
Derek Oldham.
"Pirates of Penzance," Selection.
"Iolanthe," Selection.
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
"The old sweet Song," (Arr. Kelp).
"Love's Dream," (Arr. Bealy).
Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham.
"Henry VIII," "Dances," (Edward German).
New Symphony Orchestra.
"If you were mine," (Myers).
"Am I Blue," (Aksit).
Anona Winn.
"Jolly Fellows—Waltz," (Volstead).
"Announcement—Waltz," (Berger).
International Novelty Orchestra.
6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme.
7.15 p.m. Weather report.
7.30 p.m. Programme of H. M. V. and Victor records supplied by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie.
Ziegfeld Folies Medley.
Parts I and 2 (Irving Berlin).
Nat Shilkret and the Victor Orchestra.
"Son Songs," Victor Mixed Chorus.
"War Songs," Victor Male Chorus.
"I kiss your hand, Madam," (Erwin).
"Up in the Clouds," ("Five O'Clock Girl" Ruby).
Audin Eden, Baritone.
"Andantino," (Lemare).
"Traumerel," (Schumann).
Edwin H. Lemare.
Dance music.
10.30 p.m. Close down.

BANK'S AFFAIRS.

FURTHER EVIDENCE IN THE BREWER CASE.

Mr. P. C. Leo, the Secretary of the Institute Banking Corporation, gave evidence when the case was resumed before Mr. Grantham on Saturday morning in which Mr. N. L. Brewer, barrister-at-law, is charged with offences under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances in connexion with the financial affairs of the Corporation.

Examined by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Mr. Leo said that as Secretary, it was his duty to keep the minutes book of the Company. Speaking of the meeting on June 8, 1928, when he was present, witness said that a balance sheet (no identified) it was the typewritten balance sheet) was presented to and approved and signed by the Directors. The minutes of the meeting mentioned that it was to be signed, the minutes being, he believed, the handwriting of Mr. Brewer, whose signature was also shown.

Witness could not remember clearly if he saw Mr. Brewer write up the minutes, but it would be the usual custom to do so at the close of the meeting. In the presence of those attending.

Witness was asked what was done with the book in the interval between that meeting and the next one held on June 18, and he replied he could not remember. In the ordinary course of events, it would be kept by him in a drawer of his desk. If it was not with him, it would be only with Mr. Brewer. Occasionally when a Director of the Corporation wanted to have a look at it, it would be given to him.

It was suggested by the Directors that the balance sheet should bear a Chinese translation as well, seeing that the majority of the shareholders were of that nationality. In the ordinary course of events witness took his orders from the Board of Directors, and when he was told at the meeting to put in the Chinese characters as well he took it to be an instruction to translate the English on the balance sheet into Chinese.

Chinese Translations.

On the Saturday morning following the meeting, he set about the task, but not understanding certain portions, as, for instance, that relating to "sundry creditors," he brought in Mr. Li Tung, the auditor, to assist him. They prepared the translation together, being alone when they did it, and the task was completed that same morning.

Then a new copy of the balance sheet was typed out, after which the Chinese translations of the various items were written on the left side of the document by the typist. The typist handed the clean copy to witness in the presence of Mr. Li Tung and two of the Directors, who happened to be at the Bank. They all examined the document together.

During the translation the auditor had cut out two items, these being \$1,480,200 as to "Issued Capital" and \$1,130,000 as to "Unallotted Reserve," which were included by the auditor in "Paid-Up Capital." This was the reason, witness explained, why he wanted to see Mr. Brewer or his wife afterwards. They were not there, and he sent the Balance sheet to the printer, asking for a proof. The proof was received one or two days later, and after checking the Chinese part of it, he showed it to Mr. Brewer. The

AIR ACCIDENTS.

R.A.F. RECORD FOR LAST YEAR.

London, Dec. 21.
A striking decrease in the number of accidents to Royal Air Force aircraft has resulted from the standardisation on all British service machines of the Handley Page slotted wing safety device and other safety measures. Though considerably more flying has been done by the Royal Air Force machines in 1929 than in any previous years, the number of accidents has dropped by nearly half as compared with last year and the killed have diminished by approximately one third.

Accidents and Deaths.

In 1926 there were 54 accidents and 85 deaths. In 1927 the figures were 37 accidents and 54 deaths. In 1928 there were 50 accidents and 76 deaths. And last year the number of accidents had fallen to 31 and the deaths to 42.

Parachutes, with which all service airmen are now equipped, were directly responsible during the year for saving sixteen lives. The decrease in the number of accidents and fatalities has occurred during the period when there has been an increase in the number of squadrons from 61 in 1926 to 75, as well as an increase in the speed of the machines.

A Definite Profession.

Apart from the safety devices, it is thought that one explanation of the improvement may be the fact that pilots are now trained more slowly and carefully and are led to regard flying as part of a definite profession rather than as an amusing sport. They are consequently less inclined to take unnecessary risks and have ceased to admit the recklessness of some of the wartime pilots.—British Wireless.

auditor's signature was not on that proof.

Auditor's Alterations.

Mrs. Brewer sent for him later and questioned him with regard to the alterations to the Capital figures made by the auditor. She then told him to telephone to Mr. Li Tung, and the auditor came round and saw her. Finally, Mrs. Brewer handed the proof back to witness, and he saw then that the auditor's signature was on it. The witness asked three Directors who were at the Bank to sign also. After that, he could not remember if he returned the proof to Mrs. Brewer, or kept it himself, or returned it to the printers.

The proofs which witness subsequently received from the printers contained the corrections made on the first proof. They were clean proofs, so witness sent one to each of the Hongkong shareholders, together with a letter asking them to attend a meeting. This would be about June 12 or 13. He did not show any of the proofs to Mr. Brewer before sending them out.

Mr. Fitzroy: Why not?—I am under the impression that he was ill for a few days about that time and did not attend office.
On June 18, a general meeting of shareholders was held in the Director's Room, but this had to be adjourned owing to the absence of Mr. Brewer, who was to have presided but who was too ill to attend.
The case is being resumed this afternoon.

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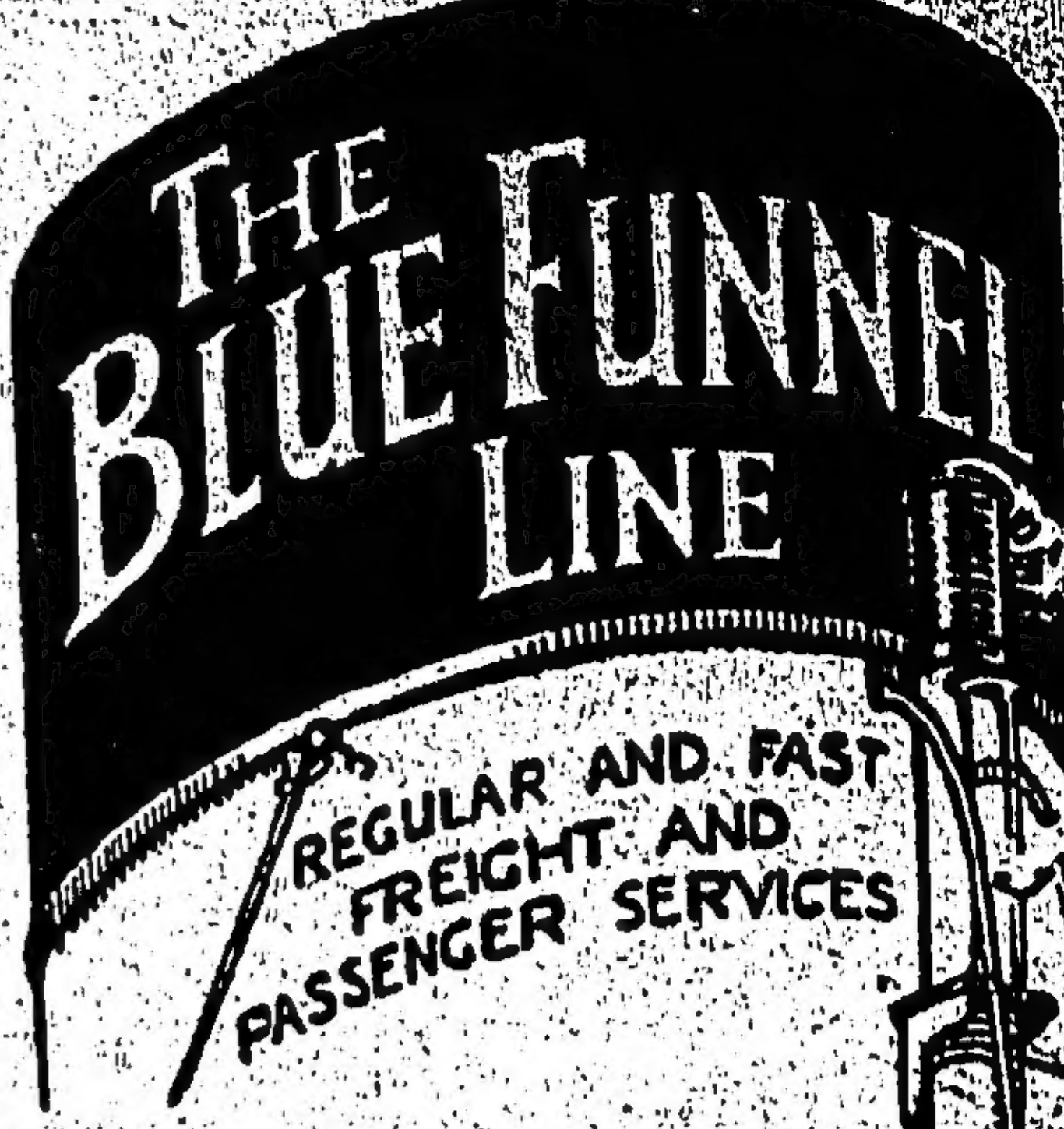
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tained as the goods are landed.

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cluding date of arrival will be sub-
ject to rent.
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derigned before the Friday the 27th
December, 1929, or they will not be
recognised.

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the Godowns for examination by the
consignees, and the Company's Sur-
veyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at
10.00 a.m. on Monday the 23rd Dec.
1929.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the Godowns.
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by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS.
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Hongkong, 18th December, 1929.

DEATH OF JUDGE
CLAYTON.

AUTHOR OF THE CLAYTON
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Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 22.
The death is announced of
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period.

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the goods have left the Godowns and
all goods remaining undelivered after
the 27th December, 1929, 4 p.m. will
be subject to rent.

All broken, damaged and
goods are to be left in the Godown
where they will be examined by
Messrs. Anderson and Ashe on the
24th December, 1929 at 10 a.m.

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be presented to the Underigned be-
fore the 31st December, 1929 or they
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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1929.

MINES BILL.

CLOSE DIVISIONS
EXPECTED.

London, Dec. 21.

While Mr. Lloyd George is
credited with the intention of con-
ducting a crusade during the re-
cess against the "Deeper Coal"
Bill, Labour members are express-
ing satisfaction at the cessation of
Government consultation with the
Liberals as regards the Coal
Mining Bill.

The Daily Herald says it is
voicing the sentiments of Labour
people throughout the country in
asking the Government to stand
no further nonsense from Mr.
Lloyd George but go to the country
as early as possible and ask for a
majority. The paper concludes by
suggesting as the Labour New
Year motto "Get ready for the
General Election."—Reuter.

Substantial Concessions.

London, Dec. 21.

It is anticipated there will be
many close divisions during the
Committee stage in the House of
Commons of the Government's
Coal Mines Bill, which was passed
on second reading by a majority of
eight.

The Times states that the
Government are prepared to make
substantial concessions on the
marketing section of the Bill.

The Daily Herald fears that
protracted proceedings in Com-
mittee may hold up business to
such an extent as to endanger
the Government's legislative pro-
posals. Discussing the demands
for changes in the Bill, the Herald
says some of these come from
certain of the Government sup-
porters and adds, "Doubtless there
will be overtures and conversa-
tions and perhaps before these
are begun the Government will be
able to satisfy itself and its
opponents on the disputed ques-
tion of whether there is or is not
an existing statutory power to compel
amalgamations among colliery
companies."—British Wireless.

"BLACK MONDAY."

SHANGHAI SETTLEMENT
WORST IN HISTORY.

(Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, Dec. 21.

There was a large attendance of
brokers and investors at the ad-
ditional auction at the Stock Ex-
change for the purpose of fixing the
"making up" of prices in con-
nexion with the settlement on
Monday, which is generally de-
scribed as the blackest Monday in
the history of the Exchange. A
considerable cash business prece-
ded the auction on Friday night.

A Shanghai Shareholders Asso-
ciation has been formed for the
avowed purpose of curtailing stock
gambling and promoting legiti-
mate investments. Mr. N. E. E.
Ezra was appointed Chairman and
Mr. Meyer and Mr. Solomon, Hon.
Secretary and Treasurer respec-
tively. A circular has been issued
inviting applications for member-
ship from men and women in
Shanghai.

Reduction in Capital Ships.

Washington, Dec. 22.
"The battleship is still the core
of the American Navy," declared
Mr. Stimson in an official state-
ment. He expressed the opinion,
however, that reduction should be
made in the capital ship category.
It is understood that he refers to
the possible reduction of capital
ships through an extension of life
beyond the present twenty year
limit or a reduction of size thereof
or postponement of replacements.
—Reuter's American Service.

Naval Aircraft.

Washington, Dec. 21.
The suggestion made in London
that the United States naval air-
craft power is incomparably
superior to British has evoked the
statement from the Aeronautics
Bureau that although the United
States possesses a preponderance
of actual aircraft they are virtu-
ally useless without sufficient
decks from which to operate. The
statement points out that Britain's
six aircraft carriers total 115,000
tons compared with the United
States three with a total tonnage
of 79,000.—Reuter's American Service.

U.S. RAILWAYS.

HUGE CONSOLIDATION
SCHEME PROPOSED.

Washington, Dec. 22.
A huge scheme has been drawn
up by the Inter-State Commerce
Commission for the consolidation
of the United States railways.
Nineteen trunk line systems are
proposed, of which five are in
Eastern territory, two in the New
England group, three in the South
and nine others. The plan is
subject to Congress review, but
represents an attempt to create a
transport system which would
maintain competition and give every
important traffic centre access to
two or more lines.

The Inter-State Commission has
dealt a blow at holding com-
panies and decreed that ownership
stock of any interest by any one
system in member railways of
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DISARMAMENT.

FRANCE'S ATTITUDE AT
CONFERENCE.

Paris, Dec. 21.

The French Government, in a
memorandum to Britain last even-
ing, sets forth the French general
point of view on naval disarmament.
The memorandum declares
firstly that naval disarmament is
only part of a general limitation
which must be settled by the
League of Nations; secondly, that
land, sea and air armaments must
be considered interdependent;
thirdly, that France's demands for
tonnage be based on her needs and
fourthly that the naval problem
must be considered in relation to
the guarantees of security neces-
sary to each country concerned.

Copies of the memorandum are
being despatched to-day to the
United States, Japan and Italy
and will be published shortly.
—Reuter.

The French Delegation.

Paris, Dec. 21.

It is semi-officially stated that
the reports published of the com-
position of the French naval dele-
gation are inaccurate. The dele-
gation will not be constituted
until the Government has discuss-
ed the matter next week.—Reuter.

Japan's Position.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

The Government is fully
satisfied with the results of the
naval delegation's visit to America,
according to the official spokes-
man. Though definite agreements
have not been reached, no dis-
appointment is felt as these were
never anticipated.

According to the spokesman, the
delegates' reports to Tokyo are
encouraging and indicate that as a
result of personal contact between
Mr. Wakatsuki and the American
delegates, mutual understanding
of each others' fundamental posi-
tion has apparently been achieved.

Meanwhile the vernacular papers
express appreciation of the cordial
reception accorded to the
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tions will thereby be improved.
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FENG'S LETTER.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK URGED
TO RESIGN.

Peking, Dec. 21.

This morning's papers print the
text of what is alleged to be a
letter from Feng Yu-hsiang, the
"Christian General," to Marshal
Chiang Kai-shek dated December
12, in which the Kuomintang
leader critically reviews Chiang
Kai-shek's actions during the past
two years and winds up by calling
upon Chiang to resign. "Your
resignation would be a blessing to
the nation."

Meantime, the vernacular
papers declare, the Kuomintang
forces are again marching east-
wards and have occupied Loyang
without resistance.

General Yen Hsi-shan's expect-
ed statement of his position still
hangs fire, but if true, reports
from Taiyuanfu appear to show
that Yen Hsi-shan is definitely for
the Government for it is stated
that when Feng Yu-hsiang re-
cently attempted to leave Chienan
guards held up his car and asked
his destination. Feng Yu-hsiang
stated he had an important inter-
view with Yen Hsi-shan. The
guards telephoned Taiyuan and
learned that this was untrue and
escorted Feng Yu-hsiang back to
his house. However, this is at
present not confirmed.—Reuter.

Yen's Decision.

Peking, Dec. 22.

Yen Hsi-shan's long-awaited
circular telegram outlining his
policy has been issued. It is signed
by Yen as well as by Chang
Hueih-liang and a number of
other Generals.

The signatories state that they
advocate demobilisation despite
all the difficulties and hazards, but
the storm of war continued to
rage. The reorganisationists
availed themselves of the oppor-
tunity to "fish in troubled waters"
for their own advantage, and the
declaration states—"If we look
on, strife will spread all over
China, therefore we swear to
support the Central Government
and unification of the nation, and
will co-operate with the Govern-
ment to fight the trouble makers,
despite our love of peace and dis-
like of fighting."

It is understood that Yen Hsi-
shan has been granted control of
all the armies to the north of the
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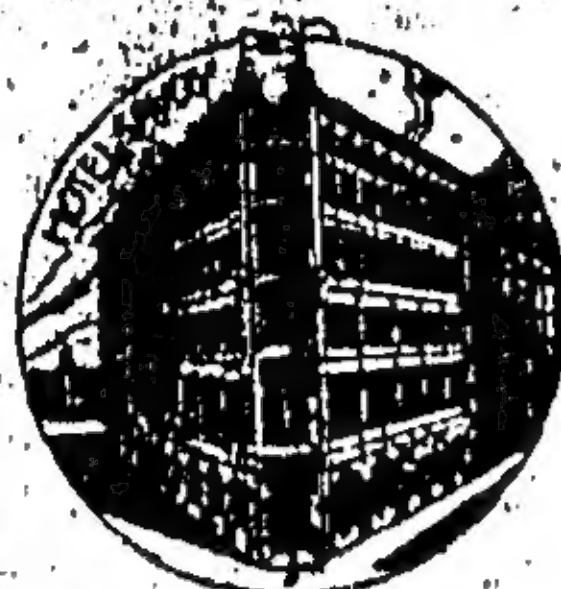
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CRUSHING DEFEAT OF HUGENBURG.

NATIONALIST CAMPAIGN IN
GERMANY FAILS.

REFERENDUM RESULT.

Berlin, Dec. 23.
Nearly forty-two million electors, male and female, were entitled yesterday to participate in the referendum on the "Liberty Bill" (The Bill Against the Enslavement of the German Peoples) which has been drawn up and submitted by the extreme Nationalists, but the majority of the voters abstained, and the Nationalists have experienced an ignominious failure.

It came as some surprise recently when they mustered the 4,000,000 votes necessary to require its consideration by the Reichstag, but on this occasion their campaign was fruitless, and only 5,600,000 electors voted for the Bill.

Many of the voters were far more interested in "Golden Sunday" and their Christmas shopping. The figure of 5,600,000 represents the final result of the referendum which compares with the 21,000,000 which would be necessary to make the Bill law after the recent rejection by the Reichstag.

The Bill aims at a rejection of the Young Plan and the trial for high treason of the Ministers who signed it. The Bill also provides for the abrogation of all international agreements entered into by Germany since the war.

The complete failure of the national referendum is a crushing defeat for Herr Hugenburg, "the Press King" and his Nationalist followers.—Reuter.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CORNWALL FORWARDS TOO GOOD FOR CLUB.

It was a very close game on Saturday, no score was made until the second half but some twenty minutes and the state of the ground made the Club's strong point, their outside, of little use save as a defending force.

Club—Grieve; Goldman, Scott, Plummer, Lammer; Hutchinson, Bonner; Milne-Day, Sutcliffe, Burch, Kiddell, West, Manser, Kendrew, Piers.

Cornwall—Webb; Mr. Beloe, Mr. Buckley, Boylan, McKay; Davis, Beyer; Lord, Morgan, Roach, L. Maclean, Knott, Griffiths, L. Archdale, R.M., Smith.

With three Devonport Services players and a Welsh International in their pack, the Cornwall forwards started off with a good swing, getting the ball cleanly from the first three scrums. Buckley kicked the ball into the dead-ball line, however. Play remained in the Club twenty-five for some time, and the Cornwall forwards looked every minute as though they might score. A good kick to touch by Plummer relieved the pressure, and some desperate marking eased the tension, but a free-kick to the Cornwall inside the Club twenty-five was sent wide, and Scott kicked well to touch near half-way. Back came the Cornwall forwards, but a strong kick from Grieve made them get into their own half. The Club eventually got a free kick which might have resulted in a try, but Goldmann made a mess of the kick, and the ball was touched down. Some midfield play ensued after the drop-out. Buckley got in lovely kick to touch near half-way, though Scott kicked well when the Cornwall forwards made a good rush. Some pressure on the Cornwall backs was eased by Webb, who played soundly, and kicked well. The Cornwall forwards were sent back by Grieve, who kicked into touch at the middle line; but Boylan tried a drop from a distance, being too low with the kick. Morgan was slightly wide with a free-kick for offside. Massey was unlucky to have no one up with him in a good solo run, and was brought down. Each side pressed in turn, but half-time was blown with no score.

The Club seemed to get more of the ball from the scrums after the interval, and some good passing movements were seen, though not very much ground was made. A run down by the Cornwall forwards was stopped by a cool kick to touch by Massey, and Scott saved another rush by another good kick. A free-kick to the Club was sent well down the line by Sutcliffe. More pressure by the Cornwall was relieved by Grieve, who found touch with the second of two fly-kicks. The best three-quarter movement of the day gave Goldmann the chance to run in near the flag, but the try was not converted.

The pace at which the game had been played seemed to be quickened up, and the Cornwall forwards made splendid efforts to get on terms with the Club. A mistake by Goldmann, who should have touched down, gave him their chance, and Goldmann's kick was well taken by Beloe, who got in at the corner. Morgan was just short with a difficult kick.

Buckley got the second try for the Cornwall, and Morgan added the extra points with a fine kick. Just before the final whistle, a good movement by the Club three-quarters was spoiled by Lammer being brought down, with Scott hungrily backing up for the pass that should have come his way. The Cornwall thus ran out winners by a goal and a try (8 points) to a try (3 points).

THE BREWER CASE RESUMED.

(Continued on Page 16.)

Altered Balance Sheet.

In giving a reason for the alterations to the original typewritten balance sheet, Mr. Li Tung had told witness that it would make the balance sheet look better. All this took place in the absence of Mr. Brewer, who was ill at the time. If Mr. Brewer came back to the office during that period of two weeks, he would stay for only a short time.

Speaking of the Directors' meeting on June 18, which had to be adjourned on account of the absence, through illness, of the Chairman, witness agreed that he was relying on the minutes which he as well as the shareholders signed for an account of what then occurred.

No Chairman.

Mr. Davidson:—Did not the shareholders, before they closed the meeting, vote by raising their hands on the questions which were put to them?—Well, it was a resolution without a Chairman.

Never mind about a Chairman. Wasn't there a voting on it?—You can call it passing a resolution without a Chairman.

If you can call it passing a resolution without a Chairman, you can call that passing; is that what you call it?—As there was no Chairman, I take it to be no meeting.

Was it a fact that resolutions were voted by the meeting; never mind about the Chairman?—They were voted upon. That was why it was on the minutes.

That was why it was there, because it had been voted? Before the second meeting, the general one of shareholders on July 21, did Mr. Brewer enquire of you who had made the alteration on the typewritten balance sheet to the capital?—Yes, Mr. Brewer did ask me why there should be alterations, and I told him Mr. Li Tung, the auditor, had made them. He sent for Mr. Li Tung, who came eventually. That incident happened a week before the general meeting was convened.

Mr. Brewer Displeased.

Did Mr. Brewer appear to be surprised when he saw those alterations?—Yes, he seemed to be displeased with it, too.

Replying to further questions, witness said that he had been Secretary of the Corporation from the beginning, and could recall that besides the shares which were actually registered, there were applications for about \$1,130,000 worth of other shares. They were genuine applications and were accepted by the Company. With regard to the applications for loans which were granted in respect of calls in advance, he knew the people concerned were prepared to pay their calls in cash. The idea of the loans was that, when money was needed, the money would be collected easily. At the time, it was intended that there should be a trained manager for the Bank and the idea was that, pending his appointment, the money could remain at call.

Mr. Davidson:—So far as you know at the date these loans were made, were these shareholders in a financial position to pay?

Witness:—Of course.

Replying to further questions, witness said that Mr. Brewer, at the general meeting of shareholders on July 21, did tell the shareholders that they must not entertain high hopes in view of the balance sheet.

The Usual Custom.

Did he also say that the auditor had told him that it was the usual custom for Chinese firms to frame their balance sheet in that way?

—Yes. He also said that if they were satisfied he would be also. The shareholders after discussing it, said that since the auditor said it was all right, they would be also satisfied.

Witness was re-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, who remarked:—Mr. Leo, you seem to have improved wonderfully since you were last in the witness-box. See if you can keep up on the same plane.

Mr. Davidson (Interposing):—He is your witness, Mr. Fitzroy.

Mr. Fitzroy:—I know that, but I want the truth from him. Mr. Leo, can you tell us how much was lost by the branch at Canton and how much by the branch at Sheld?—I don't know, as I was not in charge of the accounts.

Why do you say it was a death-blow to the business if you don't know how much it lost?—The closing down of the two branches brought a bad name to the firm. Hence business in Hongkong must be very bad.

Mr. Grantham:—People were inferring?

Witness:—Inferences would be drawn by people. The hearing is continuing.

CAUSE OF WANCHAI BLAZE.

SPIRITS OF WINE SPILT
ON A STOVE.

NO PEOPLE MISSING.

The careless action of a folk, who upset spirits of wine over a lighted stove was the cause of the terrific blaze in Wanchai yesterday evening, when three houses, Nos. 248, 250 and 252, were almost completely demolished. Only the strenuous efforts of the Fire Brigade, manfully assisted by Scouts and civilians, saved an entire block of five buildings from being gutted. Early reports of the occurrence appear on another page.

According to information gleaned this morning, after a look on the ground floor of No. 250 had carefully split some spirits over a lighted stove, the flames quickly made headway and in a few seconds had spread to a kerosene oil well in the shop. It was that, that doomed the building to destruction, for the conflagration immediately assumed large proportions and within 15 minutes, both the shops and dwelling houses on either side of the blazing shop became ignited.

The brigade, which turned out with four motor pumps, saw that it was impossible to save the burning buildings and concentrated on saving those nearby.

After the outbreak had been quelled, it was discovered that eleven floors in the three buildings had been destroyed, and the occupiers estimate the damage by fire and water to be about \$6,500, although it is possible that this is a very conservative estimate.

Last night it was rumoured that four children had been trapped in the burning buildings, but the police report that this is quite unfounded, and that no persons were injured and none has been reported missing.

LEAGUE CRICKET MATCHES.

(Continued from Page 10.)

Civil Service bowler was Randle, who captured 6 wickets for 20 runs.

University v Kowloon C.C. 2nd.

The clock came to the rescue of the Kowloon C.C. second string in their match with the University reserves, on the Pokfulam ground, the visitors being 56 runs behind with three wickets in hand at the close.

G. E. Yeoh (35) and H. E. M. Adams (30) both batted soundly for the University, and were the chief contributors to the total of 128. Kowloon lost their first five wickets very cheaply, and defeat appeared imminent, but S. Jex (31) and A. J. Kew (not out 17) came to the rescue, and denied the University full honours.

Cornflower v Magnolia.

Teams from H.M.S. Cornflower and H.M.S. Magnolia met in a friendly match on the Royal Naval Recreation ground, resulting in an easy win for the former eleven by 36 runs.

The Cornflower batted first and totalled 64, this low score being due to some good bowling by Brooker, who obtained 7 wickets for 17 runs. The Magnolians however, found run-getting even more difficult, and were dismissed for 28, Milam taking 7 wickets for the same number of runs, and Lovett captured the remainder for 10 runs.

Yesterday's Game.

Playing a friendly cricket match at the Club de Recreio's ground yesterday afternoon, the Combined League defeated the Volunteers by 48 runs.

Boxing Day Match.

The following have been selected to represent the University 2nd XI in a whole-day match against the Club de Recreio on Thursday at 10.30 a.m. sharp at King's Park:—E. Hiptoola (Capt.), A. A. Aziz, A. Chan Pook, A. B. Suliman, K. T. Loke, G. E. Yeoh, K. P. Gan, C. Candah, H. E. M. Adams, P. L. Tan, A. T. Nomanbhoy.

WARWICK REVUE COMPANY.

EXCELLENT SHOWS AT THE
STAR THEATRE.

The Warwick Revue Company appeared at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on Saturday and Sunday nights when they presented much-enjoyed programmes.

On Saturday, one of the best items was "Will It Come to This" in which Gladys Volje, Guy Latham, Selwyn Driver, Enid Nicholson and Barbara Wale all took part. There was much to laugh at in this sketch and another merry item was a new presentation of "The More we are Together," Miss Nicholson pleased the audience with songs, especially some Scotch renderings. Rex Burdell was much applauded for his "Inconsequentialities."

The Company gave their final show last night when they staged another big success entitled "Farewell Fare."

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